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TOWN TOPICS.

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D. & G. Cassels is the place to get good cream, milk, soda water, etc.
A \$16 baby carriage for \$12 at the MAIL bookstall—only a few left.

Local Ontario is now fermenting like badly made wine and with the same results.
Mr. J. H. Hughes is home on a visit. He reports his company's mail at Rat Portage, will cut a million feet of lumber this season.

It is reported from Tumb Creek Mr. Sowden commenced cutting wheat last week. The report is correct, this is the first of the season.

Mr. S. S. Phillips is again in the city. He is now selling a washing machine that is a gem of perfection. As a result he will be for some time a favorite with the ladies.

Mr. Dewdney, the new Minister of the Interior, went west Sunday. He does not look for opposition in his coming election in Assiniboia, and if he meets it, it will only be a flash in the pan.

Some local people are anxious to know if brother White, of the Sun, has been appointed Deputy Minister of public works. His frequent visits around the country in company with the Honorable Minister, is the occasion of the query.

The local Grit print says there are but Cliffe, Daly and Coldwell opposed to the railway deal. It might well have added the Winnipeg Free Press, for no one in this province has said more against the terms than the leading oracle at the capital.

Mr. Wm. Greer returned from the east with a car load of magnificent horses. What troubles the average reader is to know where purchasers are got for all the horses brought to Brandon, and still no one appears to be overstocked.

Mr. Ira Morgan, president of the Agriculture and Arts association of Ontario, has completed a tour of the west, and stopped off here Sunday, to pass a few reminders with an old friend, Mr. S. H. Bower. Like all the rest, he is delighted with what he terms "the magnificent prospects of Manitoba."

The Grit press is in a great way to prove that Greenway and Martin got a "binding pledge" from the Northern Pacific, when in New York, for wheat rates east. If this pledge is to be worth anything it should be in the terms of the "deal" but as it is not there the report is simply a cheap way of getting out of responsibility.

Mr. A. M. Burgess, deputy Minister of the Interior, passed east on Sunday, but in a condition. A day or two before he received a paralytic stroke which rendered him next to speechless, and he was hurrying home to be under the treatment of his regular physician.

Mr. Burgess is unfortunate in his western trips. The last time he was out he had his collar bone fractured by falling from a horse he was riding, near Calgary.

Mr. Edie has rented the Edie House to Mr. John McLaren, late of the Brunswick House, Winnipeg, for a term of three years, and is going to take a holiday. The house in the interval is going to be renovated from garret to cellar. Mr. Edie, in the meantime is going to visit Deloraine, where he has many interests for a short time, and may afterwards take up farming again for a change.

The Winnipeg Sun is authority for saying a huge conspiracy has been hatching for some time past in certain Grit circles in Winnipeg for the overthrow of the Greenway Government, and hints that D. J. Beaton, well known in Brandon for some time as the editor of the Grit print and Mr. Luxton, of the Free Press, were leading spirits in it. This should be proof to the public that when the Grits cannot be true to themselves they cannot be true to the country. Greenway, however, is one of the last that should complain. He would be a saving in the good old book to the effect that "whoever sheds a man's blood by man shall his blood be shed."

For the same reason whoever turns traitor on his friends by his hands shall be betrayed. As Greenway sold his Conservative friends in Ontario, he cannot now find fault if his new friends sell him.

The city press is getting tired of it—that is giving free advertising to parties who get their job printing done in job offices in the city or newspaper offices outside, and they are to be commended for their stand. The general public must concede, when they give the matter proper thought, the prosperity of a place is in no small degree depending on the enterprise of its local papers. They are continually advertising it abroad—showing the business done, the openings that exist for industry, and in a hundred and one ways from week to week publishing the place abroad, and for this reason they ought to have the undivided support of the public. It some times happens that when there is but one paper in a place individuals have special reasons for withholding support from that paper, and these can never be reasonably grounded; but when there are three papers in a place as is the case in this city, there is always a choice for every one. We believe it is the intention of the newspapers in the city to combine and henceforth avoid all reference, even in the matter of news, to individual firms or institutions who patronize job offices at home or newspaper offices abroad in preference to the newspaper offices of the city. Protection of local interests will compel them to adopt this course, and if once adopted it cannot but result in injury to the place. So far as the MAIL is concerned it asks not the patronage of those who have reasons for placing it elsewhere, though our office will always be ready to do as good work as can be done in the country at reasonable prices, but it is fully in accord with the desire of the other local publishers to take a proper stand to protect the newspaper, as well as the general interests of the city. We fully believe that every resident of the city will consider this paragraph in the spirit in which it is written.

The 04th batt. band had their pictures taken, in full military dress on the 14th at Mr. Lewin's studio.

The lecture which was to be delivered in the Presbyterian church on Friday evening, by Mrs. Culbertson, has been postponed, on account of illness, little hopes are entertained of her recovery.

The Meosomin Courier says:—"Are we not having too much rain for the ripening of our crops? We hear farmers have already commenced operations on their fields of wheat, oats, etc." What bothers us most is want of information on the Courier's main plan to shut off the rainfall.

Mr. John Hanbury's little boy while laughing on to a wagon had the misfortune to have a wheel pass over his ankle giving it a serious laceration. Fortunately nothing more serious was done. It is only a wonder more accidents do not occur in this way.

On Sunday last a son of Mr. Sampson, who occupies Mr. Shepherd's farm, was kicked by a horse that he was leading to water. The unfortunate boy received the blow on the side of his head and was knocked senseless; his ear was almost torn from his head and for a time it was feared that he was fatally injured. It is understood that he is now recovering.

In speaking of the contract with the N. P. Van Horn says: That in his opinion the representative of the Northern Pacific knew what he was doing and the representative of the Government did not, and that the Government will be a good deal surprised at the working of the agreement that they have entered into.

Policeman J. K. Foster is stationed in the city as license inspector in divisions one and two. He is also the Brandon agent of the Manitoba detective agency, which is to do business over the whole Canadian Northwest. Mr. Foster is a most excellent man for the position being sharp and reliable in every particular.

Wm. Lasham, of Goderich, John Lasham, and A. McQuarrie, of London, who came here on the excursion, paid friends in Brandon a visit. They speak in the highest terms of the treatment accorded them by the C. P. R. officials. Mr. Lasham takes home with him quite a number of relics, with which he intends to adorn his hotel, chief among them being, in his estimation, a buffalo head.

Mr. J. Taylor, brother of Geo. Taylor, M. P. for South Leeds, and Mr. P. Headship, of Ganouque, at one time a teacher of the Editor, were callers at the MAIL office the past week. Both gentlemen declare that all the reports of the capabilities of this country, considered by Ontarians generally as exaggerations, are considerable under the facts as they find them for themselves.

The corner stone of the Presbyterian church at Chater was laid the fore part of this week. After the regular services, the company retired to the school house where speeches were delivered by Rev. Mr. Finn, Rev. Mr. Wilson and Rev. S. C. Fraser. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the congregation. The church when completed will be a commodious and beautiful structure and an ornament to the village. [Full particulars are unavailably crowded out.—E.]

The wretched wild wizard of the north paid this city a visit Monday. He with his following gives open air concerts to attract crowds, and then he sells his wizard oil a genuine head-all for all the affections, to which man is heir, but strange to say as yet he has applied none of it on his own game leg. The wizard attracts special attention by wearing his hair like Buffalo Bill, and by wearing as many \$10.00 gold pieces for coal buttons as would make a respectable bank deposit for the editor of a country newspaper. It is needless to say Yankee Bill will rake in the shillings as the people like to be humbugged.

The large excursion from Ontario reached the city on Saturday at noon and stopped here a couple of hours, to enable the visitors to see the city of the West. In all about 550 people left Toronto on various parts of Ontario but principally from Perth and Wellington counties. About 200 stopped off when Winnipeg was reached, and some of the remainder stayed here to visit friends, the rest going west, some as far as Regina.

Our city council, with commendable energy, had a few samples of grain in the stalk, roots, fruits, &c. on exhibition, to give the visitors an idea of what is grown around Brandon.

A cricket match was played, between the Plum Creek and Brandon clubs on Tuesday. The following were the sides: Brandon, R. McDonald, T. E. Kelly, A. Jakes, T. A. Pares, G. Caldwell, A. Colmer, H. Ray, W. G. Todhill, G. A. McCarty, C. Adams. Plum Creek: Worman, Priest Holmes, Young, Kirchhofer, Jameson, Burke, Wenman, Holmes, Roger, Hall. The Creeks make very good playing but were drowned by R. McDonald's 74 runs in the second innings. The following is the result: Brandon's 1st innings 57, Creek's 1st innings 71, Brandon's 2nd innings 148, Creek's 2nd innings 79, giving Brandon the game by 35 runs.

THE RACES.

The fall meeting of the Brandon turf club was held on Tuesday, Aug. 14th. Only three races were completed on the first day. Upwards of a thousand people were present on the first day. The first race, the 3 minute mile, commenced at 2 p. m., mile heat, 3 in 5, with entries:

2. Bay Tom, 1-1-3-3-3-3; 3. Jim, 2-3-2-2-2-2; 4. Grey Bill, 3-4-3-1; 1. Patchen, 4-2-1-1-2-1. Time—2:55, 2:51, 2:47, 2:49, 2:51 and 2:50.

14 HANDS, PONEY RACE.
Half mile heats, 3 in 5: 2. Jack Pot, 3-2-2-2; 3. Swash, 5; 3. Scottie, 1-3-2-1; 1. Pompey, 1-1-1; 4. Wandering Jew, 1-1-1; 1. Little Joke, 3-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1-1. In the last 2nd Scotch bolted through the gate otherwise it would have been very close.

OPEN RUNNING.
Mile heats, best 3 in 5: 1. Chuck, 2-4-4-4; 2. Malena, 1-1-1; 2. Happy Jack, 4-2-2-2; 3. Jimmery, 3-3-3-3. Time—5:24, 5:35, 5:34, 5:35.

PERSONAL MENTION.

—J. H. Hartney is in town this week.
—Mr. W. A. Macdonald, attended County Court at Deloraine the other day.

—Mr. Bowley, father of F. D. and W. R. Bowley, of this city, is visiting his sons.
—J. H. Brown, J. D. Bowley, Chief Duncan and Dr. More were in Winnipeg last week representing Ouellet township in Brandon.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. Hunter, of Toronto, arrived in the city on Wednesday, and are the guests of Mrs. Lang. Mr. Hunter is one of the best crayon artists in Canada, and will doubtless receive quite a number of orders.
—On the train this week were the following church of England clergymen: The Rev. Mr. Spenser, of Thorold; Mr. Grenfell, of Marsh, of Lindsay; Mr. Eikhorn; Mr. Lewin, of Prescott, father of Mr. Lewin, Meosomin, for the coast.

Manitoba Leads the Van.

Mr. Henry Horton, of Goderich, Ont., who has, for the past two or three years been an extensive traveller, last week paid a visit to his brother-in-law, Mr. John Story, of this city. Not being satisfied with merely admiring the beauties of Brandon, he drove out in all directions to see the farming community. Two or three days were spent in this way, and on returning, was asked his opinion as to what he thought of this portion of Manitoba as an inducement to agricultural immigration. He replied:—"I have been carefully watching the newspapers and other works written on Manitoba as a farming country, and I must confess, thought many of them gigantic exaggerations merely to induce settlers to the country, but after what I myself have seen through my trip, and more especially in this district, I am inclined to think, that instead of all the advertising literature that is distributed broadcast being an exaggeration of the state of affairs, it does not do that justice which it deserves. "But," said he, "it is just as well, for I believe if you were to travel over the whole country, take a report of the crops, give the amount of land each farmer has under cultivation, and then swear to it, there are many in the older provinces and elsewhere who would not believe it, and say it was only got up for a catch, and to a great extent this will be the state of things until they do as I have done, i. e., come and see for themselves."

Mr. Horton, who has been a retired merchant for a number of years, says he is too far advanced in years to engage in the busy turmoil of life, but that when he reaches home he will do all in his power to induce others, especially the young, to come out here, where there is a lucrative home for them all.

Such men as Mr. Horton are the sort we want to visit this country, although not intending to engage in the pursuits of farming themselves, are men who, when they get back home, have weight in a community, and whose utterances can be fully relied upon, and not like some whom we have known, ride through, and never see a half mile on either side of the main line of the railway, and then when they get back east, report that Manitoba was not what it was advertised to be.

RIFLE MATCH.

The following is the result of the city range on Saturday, and in the order given:

200 Yards.	300 Yards.	400 Yards.
W. Huston..... 31	bag flour.	
Capt. Wastie..... 30	pair slippers	
P. McGregor..... 29	"Album.	
W. H. Shillinglaw..... 28	door, photos.	
J. I. Schuneman..... 28	pair slippers	
A. Gotthard..... 28	bread box.	
John Parker..... 27	lamp.	
W. J. Handley..... 27	baking powder.	
W. H. Hooper..... 27	pocket book.	
D. McEwan..... 26		

NURSERY STAKES.

J. I. Schuneman..... 27	
D. R. Taylor..... 23	
J. Scott..... 21	
E. W. Low..... 20	
A. Fleming..... 18	
W. H. Shillinglaw..... 17	
A. Milloy..... 9	
J. McCort..... 7	
John Burton..... 6	

300 COMPETITION, 200 YARDS.

Capt. Wastie..... 29	pairing.
J. Huston..... 28	office chair.
Major Bucke..... 28	mercham pipe.
W. Huston..... 26	felt hat.
P. McGregor..... 26	slippers.
D. McEwan..... 26	cup.
J. Scott..... 24	\$1 00.
John Parker..... 24	\$1 00.

600 YARDS.

Major Buchan..... 21	\$5 00.
J. Parker..... 21	pipe.
Capt. Wastie..... 21	5th test.
T. Huston..... 22	Champaigne.
John Burton..... 21	whip.
W. H. Shillinglaw..... 17	cup.
J. I. Schuneman..... 17	\$1 00.
P. McGregor..... 16	1 00.
A. Fleming..... 15	1 00.
W. Huston..... 15	1 00.

600 YARDS.

Major Buchan..... 21	\$5 00.
W. H. Shillinglaw..... 20	3 00.
A. Gotthard..... 20	Photo.
W. Huston..... 19	whisk holder.
J. Parker..... 18	box cigars.
D. McEwan..... 17	\$1 00.
E. W. Low..... 16	1 00.
T. W. Peters..... 15	1 00.
Capt. Wastie..... 14	1 00.

CONSOLATION PRIZES, 600 YARDS.

P. C. Duncan..... 25	cup.
A. Milloy..... 25	leg beer.
A. Fleming..... 22	harsh and comb.
A. Campbell..... 21	Times 1 year.

EXTRA PRIZES.

T. Huston..... 23	slugs tea.
J. I. Schuneman..... 22	whip.
W. H. Hooper..... 21	1 dot. beer.
D. McEwan..... 20	

GRAND AGGREGATE.

Major Buchan..... 71	\$5 00.
J. Parker..... 68	5 00.
Capt. Wastie..... 65	3 00.
J. Parker..... 64	2 00.
W. H. Shillinglaw..... 65	spoon.
W. Huston..... 60	leg beer.

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Serious Fire in a Swamp—Baseball—The Big Raft.

Deserting from "B" Battery—N. W. Cattle Shipments for Export.

Sir George Will Not Retire From the Presidency of the Canadian Pacific.

Buried With Pomp—To Secure the Defiant Murderer—Labor Troubles.

Emperor William With Queen Victoria—O'Shea Defends Parnell.

Stanley's Position—Possibility of Gordon Being Still Alive.

Newfoundland Delegation—The New Ministers—Damage by Bush Fires.

CANADIAN.

BROOKVILLE, Aug. 2.—A large fire is raging in a swamp in Tyndenaga, and has done considerable damage to timber.

KINGSTON, Aug. 2.—Capt. Labelle, manager of the Kingston & Ontario Navigation Company, Montreal, is investigating the demand of the merchants of Pictou and other Bay of Quinte ports for a daily line of boats to run in connection with the regular line of mail boats, making connection at Kingston.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Aug. 2.—At daylight this morning the big raft, in tow of the tug Underwriter and Ocean King, passed this port. It was making rapid progress.

QUEBEC, Aug. 2.—Cardinal Taschereau returns here Monday, and will leave Thursday for St. Placide, to visit Bishop Sheen.

QUEBEC, Aug. 2.—Three deserters from the 1st Battalion, 1st Canadian Infantry, who had been in the city for some time, were captured yesterday.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—The Ontario government has ordered the removal of forty patients from the London insane asylum to that of Hamilton. London jail will also shortly be relieved of many patients.

MONTREAL, Aug. 2.—Bickard & Co., of this city, are shipping to-day (Aug. 2) 2,000 head of cattle—the first consignment of 2,000 head purchased for export to England. The average price paid is \$50 a head. They are coming through on a special train, which is timed to do the journey in five days.

MONTREAL, Aug. 2.—The Condor, the largest large ever built on the St. Lawrence, was successfully launched this morning at Cloutier's yard for the Montreal-Kingston forwarding company. She is six hundred tons burden.

MONTREAL, Aug. 2.—A sensation has been caused here by the statement, apparently made on good authority, that a conspiracy exists to make away with, or at least to maim, the detectives employed by the Law and Order League. Last night for the third time a detective was shot at. The informant says he has been threatened both by letters and by men on the street. The magistrates say the league cannot last, as its detectives are either bought off or scared away.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 2.—The U. S. revenue cutter Fescowen has been watching a mysterious craft for some days, and the collector's boat put off several times in quest of information, but so far has discovered nothing. It is believed to be a smuggling vessel, coming from Quebec. Whether the cargo is of furs, gloves, cigars or other contraband articles has not been decided, but the revenue officers are lying low for a smugger.

KINGSTON, Aug. 2.—The Belleville baseball club has been transferred to Brockville, and will play out the scheduled games of the season there. The last matches in the new location will be on Monday and Tuesday, with the Waterloos. Brockville people are quite enthusiastic on the ball question.

OTTAWA, Aug. 2.—The wife of John Gascon, a farmer of Gatineau Valley, murdered her husband by striking him on the head with a shovel. She has been arrested for manslaughter. The couple did not live happily. Gascon was fifty years of age.

PALMERSTON, Aug. 2.—Lewis Knott & Son, furniture merchants, were burned out last night. Loss on stock \$8,000; insurance \$1,000. Loss on building covered.

TORONTO, Aug. 2.—Gangs of Italian laborers have been dumped here recently from all quarters. They arrived penniless and almost starving. The Italian Friendly Society is finding as many as it can. Consul Ghiselli is determined to punish dishonest contractors who are sending the Italians here under the delusive promise of steady and profitable work.

TORONTO, Aug. 2.—Hon. E. Blake, who is expected to return from England on Sunday, will spend a month at Murray Bay before going to Toronto.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Aug. 1.—The steamship Pacific sailed this afternoon for Yokohama with three first class passengers, including the French minister to Japan, five second class and 47 Chinese; and a cargo of 400 tons, including 6,000 sacks of flour and 620 bales of Canadian cotton piece goods.

MONTREAL, Aug. 1.—News has just reached here of the death in China of Dr. William Young, a young physician of this city, who left here in 1878 to practice in Hong Kong. He afterwards came back to accept a chair in chemistry, which he filled one session, afterwards going back to Hong Kong.

TORONTO, Aug. 1.—White, Jocelyn & Co., wholesale embroidery, lace, etc., are in trouble, and about to suspend. Liabilities \$100,000, of which \$60,000 is to the Imperial bank, which is secured by customers' paper.

HALIFAX, Aug. 1.—The shareholders of

the Halifax Cotton company to day resolved to borrow \$100,000 for working capital on six per cent. debentures. The company sold \$260,000 worth of goods last year.

MONTREAL, Aug. 3.—A director of the Canadian Pacific authorizes a denial of the Globe dispatch from Montreal to the effect that Sir George Stephen intends retiring from the presidency of the road, or that any changes on the directorate are contemplated.

MONTREAL, Aug. 3.—The provincial board of health has issued instructions to every municipality in the province to appoint health boards in accordance with the new act.

MONTREAL, Aug. 3.—Father Baile, the oldest priest in Canada, and for many years superior of the seminary of St. Sulpice, was buried this morning with great pomp, Archbishop Fabre saying the mass.

MONTREAL, Aug. 3.—The attorney general has issued instructions for a force of police to be dispatched to secure Morrison, the Megantic murderer, who defies arrest.

TRUSSVILLE, Aug. 3.—Last evening T. J. Reed, a farmer living four miles north of here, went bathing in the river, and, getting beyond his depth, was drowned. He leaves a wife and six small children, two of whom witnessed the sad occurrence.

BROOKVILLE, Aug. 3.—Trains on the Brockville & Westport railway are now running regularly daily, and a transfer of the mail service thereto is expected.

TORONTO, Aug. 3.—The amalgamated society of carpenters and joiners had a largely attended special meeting last night to consider the plumbers' case and the question of federation of all workmen's unions on the American continent. It was almost the unanimous opinion of the meeting that federation should take place, and they voted accordingly. They voted their pro rata share of the cost of the appeal in the case of the plumbers, donated the sum to the plumbers' strike fund, and arranged that every lodge and shop steward in the States and the old country be immediately notified of the strike here and instructed to inform the plumbers to refuse to engage to come to Toronto.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Aug. 3.—John T. Smith of Amherst, started last night, to transport of selling to Montreal capitalists the Lawson coal mine in Cumberland for \$50,000 is not true. Negotiations are in progress between him and Patterson and Greenhalghs, of Montreal, but the price is much below that mentioned.

TORONTO, Aug. 3.—The trial of Buckner shop men and frequenters took place yesterday afternoon before the police magistrate, Robert Fitts, one of the freemasons, to try Queen's evidence. After the evidence had been taken and the objections of the counsel overruled, the magistrate summed up and declared the prisoners guilty under the common gaming act. They were fined as follows: David Logan, agent, \$100; George McChoplin, Robert Hadden, E. J. Murphy and S. T. Nelson, employees, \$20; C. H. Cornell, Robert Barton, Francis Tisdale, frequenters, \$50.

HALIFAX, Aug. 2.—The first celebration of labor day occurred in Halifax to-day, and was a great success. It took the form of a big parade and picnic. The procession started at 8 o'clock in the morning, and marched through the city, making a splendid appearance. It was composed of all the trade unions in Halifax. Eight hundred men were marching, and made a good impression on the public, which turned out en masse to witness the demonstration.

TORONTO, Aug. 2.—Mark H. Irish, proprietor of the Rossin house for the past eleven years, has transferred his entire interest in the Rossin house, for spot cash consideration, to Abner Nelson, of Halifax, N.S.

MONTREAL, Aug. 2.—The advance in grain continues. Large transactions in No. 1 northern have taken place by cable, and much larger will be done if ocean space can be had, but all has been taken up for a week to come. Shippers are holding up No. 1 hard at \$96; No. 2 hard at \$94; No. 1 northern at \$92; No. 2 hard at \$90.

VICTORIA, Aug. 3.—When the postoffice officials here were paid their monthly salaries for July they received 40 per cent. less than the usual amount. Forty per cent. below the usual rate has been allowed in this province on account of the greatly increased cost of living. No notification was given of the proposed reduction, and as far as known nothing has been received in the shape of an explanation. The total staff has given notice that unless the former arrangement is adhered to they will quit in a body. Indignation is generally expressed here at this unwarranted action, and it is hoped the postmaster-general will see the folly of the arrangement. The married men among the officials would starve on the wages allowed unless the 40 per cent. was given.

QUEBEC, Aug. 2.—There is no hope entertained for Judge Couriel's recovery. He is lying very low at St. Thomas de Montmagny.

MONTREAL, Aug. 2.—In an interview to-day Mr. Hickson said he knew nothing of the Northern Pacific deal with Manitoba or how it would affect the Grand Trunk. He would not be able to compete for Manitoba traffic until the Soo line was completed.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Aug. 2.—A statement compiled by the News-Advertiser shows that of 43,757,000 pounds of tea shipped in the year ending April 30 last, from Japan to Northern American ports, the Canadian Pacific steamships carried nearly 24 per cent, while of the proportion of this to New York, Chicago and the Middle States the same line carried nearly 25 per cent. As the line was in operation only about two months of the period referred to, the Canadian system really obtained about 30 per cent of the traffic.

OTTAWA, Aug. 4.—Hon. Mr. Haggart will be sworn in on Monday next at Quebec. Nomination takes place in South Lanark on the 15th and polling a week later. It is not expected that Mr. Haggart will be opposed.

OTTAWA, Aug. 3.—According to government advices Canada is receiving a larger share than ordinarily of old world emigration. In the month of June 42,229 persons left British ports, as against 39,621 in June of last year, and of these 6,757 were bound for Canada, as against 5,286 last year, an increase of 1,521, while the increase in the emigration to the United States was 2,670, in a total of 31,000, and for Australia the

departures were less by 240. In the six months of the present year 22,909 persons have emigrated from British ports, or 8,250 more than the corresponding period of 1896, while to the United States the increase has been 13,300, which is, relatively, much less than the gain by Canada.

OTTAWA, Aug. 4.—Parliament is further prorogued to September 18.

TORONTO, Aug. 3.—The executive of the Dominion alliance met this afternoon and passed a resolution in reference to Lieut.-Governor Royal's action in granting Honor permits to the Band Hotel as follows: "We hereby respectfully call upon the Dominion government to refuse to carry out the proposal of Lieut.-Governor Royal in reference to the Band Hotel and also to take prompt action to restrain him from issuing the proposed honor permits." The president and secretary were ordered to draw up a petition to the government to this effect.

CHATHAM, Aug. 3.—Last night W. Graham, journalist, of the Planet office, and G. Curran, carpenter, together with several other young men, all members of the 24th battalion, were fencing in the drilling-room, when the point of Graham's foil penetrated Curran's chin near the right eye. He died about midnight. Deceased came from Florence, and was 26 years of age. It is thought that during the bout the button of the foil was knocked off, thus leaving the point bare. The young men roomed together and were fast friends.

OTTAWA, Aug. 3.—The city is completely enveloped in smoke from forest fires, which are raging in the surrounding country. St. Joseph's village, of about 500 inhabitants, six miles from this city, is nearly surrounded and residents are preparing to leave for safety, as it is believed that the village is doomed.

OTTAWA, August 4.—The delegates appointed by the government of Newfoundland to confer with the government of Canada as to the terms on which Newfoundland may become part of the Dominion will arrive in Ottawa about the first of September. Sir John is expected to return to the city a week or ten days before that date, and all the ministers will be here to receive the delegates.

OTTAWA, Aug. 4.—Sir Hector Langevin will lay the corner stone of the new public building at Joliette on Tuesday next. He will be honored a grand banquet in the evening, and it is expected that a grand national demonstration will take place. During the coming month Sir Hector will also lay the corner stone of public buildings at Coaticook, Valmire and probably one or two places in Ontario.

MONTREAL, Aug. 6.—General Manager Van Horne, of the C. P. R., was asked if there was any truth in the report that Sir George Stephen, who is about to visit England, would not again return, and proposed resigning the presidency of the C. P. R. Sir George said: "I can only say that no change in the C. P. R. board is contemplated or has been discussed or thought of." In reply to the question, "What do you think of the agreement of the Greenway government with the N. P. R., as published in the Windsor Star," Sir George said: "I read the agreement as published in this morning's papers and I can only say that in my opinion the representative of the railway company knew what he was doing and the representative of the government did not. From what I know of the objects of the Canadian government I think they will be a little surprised at the working of the agreement, they entered into." "In what respect?" "I do not care to go into details. My suggestions might be thought wholly disinterested. We are not disposed to interfere with or even discuss the matter."

TORONTO, Aug. 6.—Pickets of the Cigar-makers union allege that they have discovered violations of the customs laws by some of the employees, who are holding out against the strikers. The committee are about to take such action as may be found advisable.

At a meeting of the striking plumbers on Saturday it was reported that the committee of the trades and labor council, who had been raising money to carry on the appeal in the intimidation cases, had raised sufficient to fight the case. The committee would be a better one.

MONTREAL, Aug. 6.—Robt. S. Stirling, son of John Stirling, of Stirling, McGill & Co., was drowned at St. Rose yesterday under exceptionally sad circumstances. He went bathing with Capt. Howard, of the Garrison Artillery, and Herbert Hunter. He took traps and before assistance could reach him he sank. His body was recovered only after a long and not yet recovered search.

OTTAWA, Aug. 6.—The nomination for East Assiniboia, rendered vacant by the appointment of W. D. Perley, M.P., to the Senate, will take place on September 13 and election on the 20th. Mr. Dewdney will be the government candidate as Minister of the Interior. Mr. Dewdney is not expected here till after election day.

ALISA CRAIG, Aug. 6.—Shackleton Hey, postmaster, who carried on a banking business under the name of Hey & Co., has made an assignment. The amount due depositors is said to be over \$29,000. The Bank of Montreal is interested to the extent of \$16,000, secured.

MONTREAL, Aug. 6.—The farmers in the vicinity of Montreal are complaining greatly of the terrible effect the continued dry spell is having upon their crops. The rainfall during the month of July was only 1.32, as compared with 2.66 in July 1897. Statistics furnished by Prof. McLeod, of McGill Observatory, show this to be the driest spell experienced for fourteen years. The wells are nearly all dry, and the farmers of the vicinity are compelled to draw water for miles to supply their cattle. The pastures are badly burned up, and if the drought continues it is feared by farmers that they will have to stop bringing their products to market, as they will run short for winter.

SEPTUARY, Aug. 6.—The inquest on the body of the murdered man Bloor took place at Perkin's hotel, on Spanish River, five miles from Massey, before Coroner McCallach and the crown attorney of Saint Ste. Marie. The evidence of over a dozen witnesses was taken. The drift went to show that Bloor was struck by mistake for another man in a drunken row. A post-mortem examination resulted in a statement that resulted from a fracture of the skull, indicated by a blunt instrument. The jury returned a verdict that deceased came to his death by a blow on the head, and to the

best of their knowledge inflicted by Robert McConnell.

KINGSTON, Aug. 6.—Lord Stanley of Preston will visit the provincial exhibition on September 12, and be a guest of the city. Sir John Macdonald will take part in the opening ceremonies on the 11th.

QUEBEC, Aug. 6.—Over eight hundred sheep for the Northwest ranches landed here from the steamship Oxenholme yesterday, and were placed in the Levis quarantine.

ST. THOMAS, Aug. 6.—Saturday night's storm was one of the severest that has visited this section for years, and great damage was done to standing crops. Lightning also did considerable damage. M.C.R. dispatchers had a narrow escape. They were working the wires when the lightning entered the office, burning the switchboard and destroying several instruments. The operators were severely stunned, but soon recovered from the fright.

PETERBORO, Aug. 6.—Dangerous forest fires are raging in the vicinity of Stoney Lake, the flames in places reaching thirty feet to the water's edge. A number of families have been turned out of house and home. Though checked in places, the fire continually breaks out afresh and does a great deal of damage. Settlers in some localities are in great alarm.

QUEBEC, Aug. 7.—A horrible accident is reported from the adjacent parish of Cape St. Ignace, by which five lives were lost. Only meagre details have yet reached here, but it seems that during Saturday night or Sunday morning the dwelling of the widow of George Carmette was consumed by fire, and five of her children, whose ages ranged from 5 to 17 years, perished in the flames. Only three people escaped from the burning building, and two are reported badly scorched.

MONTREAL, Aug. 7.—The funeral of C. J. Couriel, M.P., took place at 3:30 this morning, and was largely attended. The pallbearers were Chief Justice Doria, Senator Lacoste, Senator O'Brien, Judge Mathieu, J. J. Curran, L. O. David, M. P. Ryan and Henry Hogan. The chief mourner was Capt. Couriel, the only son of deceased. Services took place at Notre Dame church, which was heavily draped in mourning.

MONTREAL, Aug. 7.—A large crowd of politicians left the city for Joliette this morning, where a big Conservative picnic is being held. The party included Sir Hector Langevin, Sir A. P. Caron, Hon. Mr. Chabreuil, Messrs. Tallon, Lynch, and many members of the Dominion and local legislatures, as well as numerous local politicians.

QUEBEC, Aug. 7.—Hon. Edward Blake arrived here to-day on the steamship Montreal, and left for Murray Bay, where he will spend some time.

MONTREAL, Aug. 7.—At a meeting of the C. P. R. directors this morning Sir George Stephen resigned the presidency of the company. He was succeeded by Mr. Van Horne. Sir George goes to England to act as president of the board which has financial control. He says he has not sold one share of stock, nor does he intend doing so.

A special train, New York to St. Louis, the Montreal Gazette says: "There has been no selection made for the position of vice-president, but it is probable some official operating in the department will succeed to that office, some considerable change among minor officials being thus necessitated. Mr. Cress, of Montreal, has been named as the reason of Stephen's determination to give up his charge, I understand, is that he has come to the conclusion that the affairs of the company have now so shaped themselves as to make it imperative that a practical railway man should take charge of the property. Stephen is not a railway man, and in the opinion of the press is usually employed, though as a diplomat and a financier his administration has been successful. Vice-President Van Horne, besides being a financier, is familiar with every department of railway management, and is so fitted to take control of the C. P. R. system which has recently grown to enormous proportions."

AMERICAN.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—The congress of American physicians and surgeons held its first triennial session here Sept. 18, 19 and 20. The programme for the session of the congress has not yet been fully arranged, but the first evening's session will be devoted to a discussion of intestinal obstruction in medical and surgical relations. On the second evening the topic will be cerebral localization in its practical relations, which means a diagnosis of brain diseases, with special reference to the location of tumors. The discussion of this subject will be opened by Victor Horsley, of London, who has successfully removed tumors from the brain. Prof. Ferrier, of London, will also take part. It is expected that about 400 physicians and surgeons will be present, and the gathering will in importance be equal, if not superior, to any that has ever assembled in the world.

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—The Northern Pacific is making an effort to secure a share of the traffic from the Pacific to the Atlantic coast, which of late has been monopolized to a great extent by the Canadian Pacific railway. Yesterday the first shipment of sixteen carloads arrived at Chicago on its way to New York. The train was received at Portland, Oregon, by the Northern Pacific, transferred to the Burlington & Northern at St. Paul, and on its arrival here was taken eastward over the Chicago & Atlantic, which connects with the Erie for New York. The object is to overcome the Canadian Pacific's record in the time of transportation from ocean to ocean. The train made remarkably fast time over the initial miles of the route, and is scheduled to run at the rate of about forty miles an hour from Chicago to New York.

OTTAWA, Aug. 1.—At a meeting of the cabinet, held to-day, W. D. Perley, M. P. for East Assiniboia, was appointed senator for the territories. Haydon Reed was appointed commissioner of Indian affairs, in place of Dewdney, resigned. Forget, late clerk of the Northwest Council, was appointed assistant commissioner of Indian affairs. Robert Bell Gordon was appointed clerk of the legislative assembly. It is announced that Dewdney will contest Assiniboia. It is understood that Mr. Haggart will go to Quebec in a few days to be sworn in.

OTTAWA, Aug. 1.—Skead's mills on the Ottawa river, three miles from the city, were burned to the ground this evening. About

7,000,000 feet of lumber, piled in the vicinity, was also consumed, and several workmen's houses are also in ruins. The loss is estimated at from \$120,000 to \$150,000, with an insurance of \$50,000 on the mill and \$50,000 on the lumber. About three hundred hands are thrown idle. The mills belonged to the Eddy Manufacturing company. The Eddy fire engine and the Conqueror engine from Ottawa, with a good supply of hose, were on the ground fighting the flames bravely, but with little avail. Bush fires are raging all over the district.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—Frank Murphy, the English lightweight, and Jack Havlin, the American champion, fought forty-nine rounds this morning not far from Verplank's Point. The fight was declared a draw. The match was for \$1,000 a side. J. Collins was referee for Havlin, and E. Holake for Murphy. Plummer was time-keeper.

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—There is considerable comment in leading Irish circles in this city this morning concerning the announcement that the British government has appealed for clemency in behalf of Maxwell. The contemptuous treatment accorded President Arthur when he appealed to the English authorities in behalf of O'Donnell is being recalled, as well as the relentless severity with which Irish-Americans are invariably treated in English courts. Telegraphic communication will be had to-day with prominent Missouri Irishmen, requesting them to see that the record of the English government in similar cases is placed before the government.

SARATOGA, Aug. 3.—Mr. Kay and Standard won the great double rail race this morning. Time, 19:56. Betting was in favor of Teemer and Hann, the race being almost conceded to the latter two before starting. The stakes amounted to \$5,000. All expenses were shared equally, and 75 per cent. of the gate receipts went to the winning crew and 25 per cent. to the losers. The distance was three miles with a turn. A slight wind made the course a little lumpy, and the time made is considered very fast. Gaudaur felt confident all along that he was to be the winner in the race, and feels highly elated at his success. People think his star is again in the ascendency.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Aug. 2.—Governor Moorehouse to-day received the following telegram from Secretary of State Bayard, relative to the granting of a respite to Hugh M. Brooks alias Maxwell, of St. Louis, "I forward you by mail to-day an application of the British government for a respite in the Maxwell case." The governor possesses no further information concerning the matter, and as yet he can give no idea as to what course he will pursue. He left to-night for the northern part of the state, and is not likely to return before Saturday.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—Surgeon General Hamilton has received telegrams from Tampa, Fla., this morning stating that four engineers crew at Manatee have developed into yellow fever. Three more cases are reported, but no deaths. The physicians in charge are meeting with much opposition from the inhabitants and local doctors, who do not seem to recognize the gravity of the situation. No new cases have occurred at Plant City or Tampa.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 3.—The dead body of Florence Hunsicker was found on his beach early this morning. It is supposed that he was mistaken for a footpad, as he wore a rubber coat over his uniform.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 2.—There were twelve cases of sickness reported by the police yesterday, five of them being fatal. The temperature has been over 100 for the past three days.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—Senator Callum introduced in the Senate this morning a resolution intended as a substitute for the resolution in relation to the ownership of the "Soo" road, introduced by him last week. The resolution introduced to-day authorizes the Interstate Commerce commission, of which Senator Callum is chairman, to investigate during the recess of congress, and to learn whether any American lines of transportation are owned by the Grand Trunk, the Canadian Pacific, or any other Canadian roads, and whether any discrimination is practiced against American vessels in the management of the Welland or St. Lawrence canals, and whether any commerce originating in the United States is diverted from American to Canadian routes, and if so to what extent and by what means, and what if any legislation is necessary to regulate commerce between the United States and the Dominion of Canada, to protect the commercial interests of the United States or to enforce provisions of the Interstate Commerce act. Senator Callum asked permission to make a statement before the resolution was referred, and this being granted, he made a long speech, in which he urged Canadian railways and steamship lines with the aid of subsidies are obtaining control of commerce, especially of transportation of tea.

After speeches in favor of Mr. Callum's resolution by Senators Gorman and Edmunds, in which the discussion took a political and personal turn, it was adopted unanimously. New York, Aug. 4.—Three more bodies have been found in the burned Bowery tenement. The firemen at work in the ruins of the Bowery this morning recovered another body, that of a woman, probably Minnie Leyerer, a seamstress, of Ludlow street, in the ruins of the burned building. It was found down on the ground floor under a heap of burned rubbish, where it had been overlooked last night. The dead was burned to a crisp, and the identity of the woman can at best be only guessed at. Later—Two more bodies, apparently of men, have been dug out, making twenty dead in all. All who were in the ruins have been found.

And all the horrible scenes, shrieks of the unfortunate, cries and lamentations of the poor creatures on the sidewalk below watching their friends and kin miserably perishing in the fire on the Bowery yesterday, there was a shameless sight in Christie street. Half a dozen women with painted faces and gaudy gowns stood on the threshold of a grocery and laughed and sang ribald song, as though they were taking part in a picnic instead of being witness to an awful tragedy. One of them brought out a champagne glass filled with some sort of liquor, she clinked it against the glass of a companion, and then,

holding it aloft, broke into the rollicking chorus of a German drinking song. Not to be outdone in an exhibition of callousness, another woman more brazen came promting to the door and dashed the contents of a wine glass over the head and shoulders of the woman nearest her. A laughter and jests. Two firemen pushed their way through the tightly-packed crowd between them. They carried a covered litter containing the charred remains of one of the victims. No sooner had the woman with the wine glass caught sight of this ghastly object than she began to sing the opening verse of "The reverse of the ting and in the chorus her shamefaced companions joined her.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6.—New Zealand sailors say the ship Star of Greece went ashore near Adelaide harbor July 13. Of 25 persons on the vessel, the captain and all the others were drowned excepting the first and third officers, four men and four apprentices.

BOSTON, Aug. 6.—J. J. Clancy, a member of parliament, writes the Boston Herald, from London, as follows: "One statement I have heard on pretty good authority, to the effect that the Times people being now too late to face with the necessity of producing the persons through whom the Times came by the forged letters, are offering huge rewards for the discovery of the actual forger or forgers, in order to get them out of the country, and that even if they succeed in their search they will not accomplish their ultimate object, because there has been treachery in the camp of the forgers themselves. There is nothing certain yet excepting Parnell is thoroughly roused, and is determined at all hazards to get to the bottom of the plot. The investigation will not begin till November, the judges being determined to take their vacation before beginning work. When they do begin a very heavy bar of English and Irish lawyers will be engaged. Webster and James will appear, as before, for the Times, and the leading counsel for Parnell will probably be Russell and Reid. The former is member for Dumfriesshire and the latter one of its most distinguished members. It is doubtful whether any other Irish member will be directly represented.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Aug. 5.—The last wish expressed by Bartley Campbell, the playright, has been honored and he now lies at rest by his mother in St. Mary's cemetery. The remains, over which there was a noel-bier in front of the altar, and the many beautiful floral designs arranged. The casket was covered with black cloth, with velvet and silver trimmings. The plate bore the inscription: "Bartley Campbell, died July 30, 1888, aged forty-five years." The services were conducted by Rev. Fathers Wall and Doyle assisting. Upon the conclusion of high mass, Father Wall delivered an address eulogizing the deceased and related numerous interesting incidents in his career from address to grave. At the conclusion of the address the lid of the casket was raised and the large audience took final leave of the remains, which presented a remarkably natural appearance. The funeral party then proceeded to St. Mary's cemetery, St. Lawrenceville, and at 11:30 o'clock the grave was closed.

CHICAGO, Aug. 6.—A Washington special to the Tribune says: President Cleveland is credited with plan of campaign—maneuvering that does not rest solely on the tariff. It is to cover up his administration of foreign policy blunders and to get the Irish voters to forget Phelps and Bayard by threatening England. A Democratic congressman is quoted on the subject as follows: "The campaign will not be fought out on the tariff issue alone. The president is meditating a surprise for politicians, beside which the tariff issue will sink into minor importance. If the Republican senate defeats the fisheries treaty, the president will take the opportunity to carry out a resolution of congress advising retaliatory measures even to the extent of proclaiming non-intercourse with Canada, and he will find his sufficient ground for it in the speeches of Republican senators on the fisheries question. Soon after the defeat of the treaty Canadians will, of course, renew their outcries on American fishing vessels; and if the first case of outrage is clear enough to cause popular indignation, it will be answered by a proclamation of non-intercourse. There will be no lack of opportunity when he is on the lookout for it. A man with a ship on his shoulder never has to wait long for a fight."

NEWBURY, Mass., Aug. 7.—Gen. Sheridan will be buried in the Soldiers' Home Plot at Washington on Saturday. There will be an imposing military funeral, and the pall-bearers will comprise some of the foremost men of the nation. The services at the cathedral will be conducted by Cardinal Gibbons.

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—Chicago reports of violent deaths were more than ordinarily numerous this morning. John Kappes, a deaf and dumb man, while driving over the Harrison street crossing of the Lake Shore railroad this morning was struck by a switch engine. His right foot was smashed and he was frightfully bruised about the head and body. Jacob Hallander slipped and fell under a grip car near Oak and Clark streets about 7 o'clock this morning. His body was crushed and his right arm crushed. Thomas Weaver, of 28 C street, was run over and killed by an engine of the Chicago & Eastern road at Herndon and Dearborn streets this morning. The body of an unknown man was found in Lincoln park. There was nothing by which the man's identity could be disclosed. Charles R. Crumstitch fell off a canal boat near Mount Forest and was drowned. Dennis McGuire, who was shot by his neighbor Becker last week, died to day. Mrs. Anna E. Miller, whose husband a few days ago hit her on the head and then committed suicide, died this morning.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—Concerning the retirement of Levi P. Morton, Republican candidate for the vice-presidency of the United States, from the board of directors of the Canadian Pacific railway, enquiries at the office of Morton, Bliss & Co., made yesterday afternoon, elicited the statement that Mr. Morton was elected a director about a year ago to fill a place temporarily in the board until a selection was made of a suitable Canadian director. Since that

election he has never attended a meeting of the board or exercised any of the functions of a director. His resignation was forwarded to the board in the early part of the summer, and his place will be filled at today's meeting in Montreal.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—A meeting of the board of directors of the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic railway company was held yesterday, when radical changes were made on the board in consequence of the recent transfer of stock to the C. P. R. The new ownership will be represented by Sir Geo. Stephen, Richard J. Cross, directors of the Canadian Pacific, Sir Donald A. Smith, W. C. Van Horne and Thomas W. Parsons and J. W. Sterling, of New York. The former management will be represented by Samuel Thomas, Calvin S. Brice, George I. Seney, J. G. Moore and J. McMillan. Of the old board McMillan was re-elected president, and Mr. Brice, vice president, while W. C. Van Horne, vice president of the Canadian Pacific, was made second vice president. L. M. Selwyn was re-elected secretary, and W. A. C. Egan was chosen treasurer.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 6.—"Do you consider Beach the best sculler in the world?" asked a St. Louis reporter of Jake Gaudaur the other day.

"By no means," was the ex-champion's reply. "I believe that after the race I had with him in England either Teemer, Hanlan or myself could beat him in this country. There is considerable said regarding Beach's high rigging, but I do not agree with many of the critics claim that the greatest speed can be got out of a boat by having the sliding seat raised six or seven inches. He could not bend himself up as the other scullers do. Kemp I always regarded as a very fast man for a short race, as well as for his good, fast rowing and gritty qualities which I chose him for a partner. Ten Eyck is a good man, and one of the few old-timers that row as well now as ever before. Conley, of Portland, is one of the few men who has shown no improvement since I first met him; he was regarded as a good sculler. Of the other names I can say little or nothing excepting, perhaps, Hanlan, which every one knows about. As a general rule, all men who row for a living are hard workers and deserve every cent they win. Though the sport is not so popular or profitable as it was at one time I look for it in the near future to receive a deserved boom, as it is a good, healthful recreation and an honest pursuit."

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 6.—The three-mile single scull race on Onondaga Lake yesterday, Teemer won in 19 min. 36 sec., Hosmer second, four lengths behind, and Hamm last, two-thirds of a length behind Hosmer. The race was a regular farce.

FOREIGN.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—Despite the declared intention of Daniel Wilson, president of the Toronto university, to refuse knighthood, the same was officially gazetted to-day. It is reported Wilson changed his mind because the honor would benefit the university.

Negotiations with the Imperial government respecting the Canadian Pacific mail subsidy have made excellent progress, and a conclusion is daily expected. One hundred and twenty farm laborers are leaving next week for the farms of Sir John Lester Kaye & Company in the Northwest Territories, booked through to Balmora. It is intended to develop the property forthwith. Nearly all are engaged for two years.

The Canadian Gazette says a British firm has completed a large contract for four or five thousand head of Alberta ranch cattle, delivery to be made at the rate of 1,000 per week, beginning the second week in August. Northwest ranch stock were favorably received last week by Messrs. Parnell and Chamberlain with regard to the proposed Dominion cattle reaching these markets this year were excellent, indicating much progress in quality during the last four years.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—Dispatches from Zanzibar state that two native messengers, who were captured from the Mahdi district, bordering on Albert Nyanza, and escaped last April, have arrived there. They report the situation of Emin Bey as very difficult, provisions being very scarce and the feeling of discontent among his troops is very great. In April Emin Bey received a summons from the Mahdi, dated at Khartoum, to surrender or die. He then in receipt reports that Stanley was hemmed in between the Mahdi country and Albert Nyanza, and also that he had been compelled to divert his course to an unknown route.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—Captain O'Shea, in a letter published in the Times to-day, referring to the statement made in the House of Commons on Tuesday by Messrs. Parnell and Chamberlain with regard to the interview between those gentlemen after the Phoenix park murders, says both are right; but full of horror as Mr. Parnell was the day after the assassinations it is not astonishing that Parnell had forgotten that he asked the writer to arrange an interview with one of the cabinet. Innocence, Mr. O'Shea asserts, never showed more clearly under a terrible ordeal than that of Parnell's. The captain further states that he knew for a long time that Mr. Parnell was imbued with a fixed idea that Mr. Chamberlain revealed cabinet secrets. The writer declares Chamberlain to have somewhere a draft of a coercion act amended in Parnell's handwriting into executive law, which he proposed it should be passed with just enough show of opposition in parliament to satisfy those concerned.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—The arrival at Zanzibar of two messengers escaped from captivity and the bands of hostile tribes, and bringing more definite news of Stanley than has for nearly a year been accessible, has

quickened the interest felt in the fate of that intrepid explorer, and given his friends renewed hope that he may yet achieve the object of his mission and return safe and well to be crowned with fresh honors, and also strengthened their belief that the "White Pasha" reported to be marching toward Khartoum is none other than he. Moreover the allusions of Tupton Bey to the "European" in Khartoum, whose lives evinced anxiety to save through Emin's submission to the order of the new Mahdi, are held by many to suggest more than possibility that Gordon may be found to be one of the Europeans mentioned. The latter theory, however, is entertained by very few persons other than those who have steadfastly refused to believe that the Christian soldier met a fate which the history of the unfortunate campaign in the Sudan has allotted to him. Still there is abundant reason to assume that many Europeans, long mourned as dead by their friends, are yet alive, and may ultimately be enabled to reach their former homes, and there is also ground for hope that among those who are found many of Gordon's and even Hicks' followers. The hopes and fears aroused by the arrival at Zanzibar of these couriers cannot fail to give great impetus to the idea advanced by Cardinal Lavergne, bishop of Algiers, at Tuesday's meeting of the foreign anti-slavery society, of organizing an expedition of white men to crush the slave trade in the Sudan, and it is not unlikely the expedition will be made sufficiently strong to reach Khartoum and effect the release of the Mahdi's hostages.

BERLIN, Aug. 2.—The Cologne Gazette confirms the statement that the Emperor William will meet Queen Victoria at Baden September 1.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—The statement that the English government had withdrawn the new magazine rifle from use in the army is denied.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—The race for the Goodwood cup was run to day at Goodwood.

Kola won, with Orie second and Timothy third.

PARIS, Aug. 2.—A Mrs. Siauzade, living on the Rue de Bercey in this suburb, arrived at an early hour this morning by loud screams. She hastened to her children's bedroom, from which the cries came, and found her son Lewis, aged six years, with a gash in his stomach, the wound having been inflicted with a razor by his brother Alphonse, aged eight years. The mother screamed for aid, and ever before the neighbors arrived Alphonse had cut his own throat. He died soon afterwards. Lewis is in a precarious condition. Alphonse had always hated his brother and had tried to kill him twice before, once by driving a nail into his head with a hammer. He stole the razor from a shop, sharpened it last evening, and laid it by his side in bed.

BRATIS, Aug. 2.—Emperor William and Count Herbert Bismarck arrived at Friedrichshagen at midnight. Prince Bismarck awaited their arrival at his mansion. Crowds of people cheered the emperor and sang the "Watch on the Rhine" and the Prussian national anthem. The emperor left at once for Potsdam, and was enthusiastically cheered by the crowd that had assembled to witness his departure.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—The Inman line's new steamship, City of New York, left Liverpool today for her first voyage to New York. A large crowd of people were at the landing stage and pier to see her depart. She carried one thousand passengers. Among the number are James G. Blaine, his wife and daughter, the Earl and Countess of Donoughmore and Ladies Helen and Nora Hutchinson.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—A division on Mr. Goschen's amendment was taken, and the amendment was rejected 241 to 194.

Mr. Goschen, in the absence of Mr. Smith, who was unable to be present on account of a domestic affliction, stated that if the bill was not passed by the close of to-morrow's sitting, he would move that the remainder of the clauses and amendments be forthwith put. (Cries of "Oh, oh," and "Cheers.") The Parnellite members of parliament will meet to-morrow to arrange the proposed compulsory termination of the debate on the Parnell Commission bill, as announced by Mr. Goschen in parliament to-day. The absence of Mr. Smith, the government leader, from the House of Commons to-day was due to his attendance at the funeral of his son-in-law, Admiral Codrington. When the chairman puts the question on the undiscussed amendments on Thursday night, it is probable that the opposition will retire in a body.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—The Times, in another article complaining of Mr. Morley's censure, says Redmond's statement bears upon no matter of political importance. Nobody knows better than Mr. Morley that in newspaper circles where hundreds of letters are received daily, it is impossible to test the truth of Redmond's assertions, after the lapse of six years. Whether such letter as Redmond describes was ever sent to the Times office, we cannot say.

LONDON, Aug. 4.—To-day was the last day of the Goodwood race meeting. The feature of the programme was the race for the Goodwood stakes hand-cap for 20 sovereigns each with 5000 added. It was won by Sturtevant, Canonian second and Fezzly third.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—An explosion in a fire works factory, situated at Wandsworth, destroyed to-day partly destroyed the structure. Several female employees were killed.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—The most rainy summer which England has experienced culminated last evening in a tremendous down-pour in London district, flooding meadows and roads to a depth of several feet and drowning thousands of sheep and cattle. The damage inflicted by the storm is very great, the Eastern railway alone suffering to the extent of £50,000.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—The Pacific mail subsidy question was settled to-day between Sir Charles Tupper and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. It will be remembered that Sir Charles secured an informal promise of a subsidy from Goschen nearly a year ago. More than once it was feared the negotiations would entirely fall through, owing to many obstacles, but the matter is now finally settled and a contract between the Imperial government and the company will be made immediately, granting an annual Imperial subsidy of £15,000 to a monthly line of steamships between Vancouver and Yokohama, Shanghai and Hong Kong for

ten years. It is expected the mail service will be commenced in about a year.

Several additional amendments to the Parnell commission bill were defeated in the Imperial House of Commons yesterday.

A Russian cruiser has been ordered to Behring's sea to prevent English and American vessels from fishing in Russian waters.

LONDON, Aug. 6.—Lord Claude John Hamilton, Conservative member of parliament for the West Derby division of Liverpool, has resigned his seat.

LONDON, Aug. 6.—Mr. Gladstone will receive a large deputation of North Staffordshire Liberals at Hawarden on August 20, when the Burslem Liberals will present the ex-premier with a handsome vase as a specimen of the product of the district. Special trains will be run for the occasion from the potteries.

LONDON, Aug. 6.—Lieut. Wisemann, the African explorer, in an interview at Brussels regarding the report to the effect that Emin Bey was advancing by the left bank of the Nile on Mahdi, leaving the inference that the white pasha in the province of Bahr El-Ghazal was Emin and not Stanley, said these native stories from Zanzibar must be taken with a great deal of salt.

DUNDEE, Aug. 6.—The Dundee Court of Appeal has refused to grant a writ of habeas corpus for Mr. Dillon's release from prison, and has confirmed his conviction.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—A frightful collision occurred at midnight last near Hampton Wick. A train of empty freight cars was turned, by the blunder of a signalman, on the wrong track, and dashed into a train filled with excursionists, which was coming along at full speed. Both trains were piled up in a mass of ruins, out of which arms, legs, hands and heads protruded, making a terrible sight. In the darkness the work of rescuing was difficult. When all were taken from the ruins it was found that six were dead and from twenty to twenty-five injured. Some of the latter cannot survive.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—C. A. Crawford & Co. (company nominal), assigned. The assets (over liabilities) show a surplus of £18,000. It became apparent in June that no substantial progress was being made, and though assets were £27,000 and liabilities only £8,000, the closing of business was considered probable. It was continued, however, till now, but when the bank of B. N. A. Crawford's banker, became anxious to close its account with him, he decided to wind up.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Princess Victoria of Teck has presented to the Queen a jubilee tribute to the children of her kingdom. The tribute, which amounts to £6,000, will be devoted to the children's hospital.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—The government have assented to the addition of a claim in the commission of the inquiry bill, empowering the commission to arrest and punish recalcitrant witnesses.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—In the House of Commons last evening Sir James Ferguson, parliamentary secretary to the foreign office, stated that Mr. West, the British Minister at Washington, has been instructed to request the United States government to postpone the sale at Port Townsend, W. T., of four British schooners pending an inquiry into the legality of their seizure.

PARIS, Aug. 7.—At Amiens workers last night attacked the convent's weaving house. They threw large bundles of velvet and other material into the street. Within a few minutes after the rioters had effected an entrance, the premises were completely sacked. The buildings were then set on fire by the rioters, and was prevented the firemen approaching or doing anything to check the flames. The mob continued its work of destruction, smashing shops, houses, etc., in the streets. Finally the military arrived, and in the face of a terrible volley of stones charged with drawn swords and dispersed the rioters. The firemen then succeeded in extinguishing the flames. Many of the soldiers' horses were wounded. The vicinity of Compiègne's establishment is now occupied by military.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Chamberlain writes to the Times accepting Parnell's challenge, and promising to publish in a few days a full statement of the communications, initiated by Mr. Parnell, which passed between them in 1884 and 1885.

NEWS BRIEFS.

Gladstone's Political Work Will Be Finished When Mr. Gies Home Rule.

Sir John is expected back the first week of next month.

Re. Clark, M. P. for East Northumberland, is seriously ill.

Mr. Gladstone, in expressing his thanks to a Sheffield deputation for a handsome present on the occasion of his golden wedding, said that when he secured Home Rule for Ireland his political work would be finished.

A number of men working in the Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic railway shops at Marquette, and on the line of road were laid off Friday. This is a preliminary step to turning over the line to the C.P.R., which has secured control of it.

The president of the French agricultural society has made a report regarding losses caused by recent rains. He says that hay has been destroyed, and peasants have been compelled to kill their animals, being unable to feed them. He also says corn cannot ripen, potatoes are rotting and the vintage this year will be inferior.

A young man, giving the name of Matthew Brynes, of Port Richmond, Staten Island, jumped from Brooklyn bridge to the river below Friday morning, a distance of 150 feet. He was picked up by a passing tug and found to be very seriously and probably fatally injured. He is now in the hospital under close surveillance. The cause of the jump is a mystery, but it is presumed to be the result of a wager.

Ex-Congressman Washburn, of Minnesota, president of the "800" railway company, against which Callum's resolution, adopted by the United States senate, seems specially directed, said to a reporter Friday: "This whole movement is fathered and fostered by Chicago and the eastern trunk lines, who hope, by stirring up a feeling of hostility toward the Canadian lines, to prevent the trade of the Northwest from flowing in its natural channels."

The Public Works Department has let the contract for experimental farm buildings at Indian Head to J. R. Keilly, of Regina, the lowest tenderer. It is understood that the buildings on the experimental farm at Brandon will not be proceeded with at present.

LITTLE PHIL IS DEAD.

America's Great General is Woisted in His Last Encounter.

Heart Action Fails—Something About the Dead Soldier—The Funeral.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Aug. 6.—General Phil Sheridan died yesterday at 10:20 p.m. Death was very sudden, and was caused by his old trouble, failure of the heart to act.



GENERAL PHIL SHERIDAN.

The general had been making fair progress, despite the warm weather, and previous to the sudden failure of his heart to act, there were no fatal symptoms. He appeared bright and cheerful. At 7 o'clock Mrs. Sheridan and the doctors went to the hotel for supper, and soon after their return the usual preparations for the night were made. About 9:30 Gen. Sheridan said "good night" to his brother and went to the hotel, there having been through the day no sign whatever of any unfavorable change. At 9:30 symptoms of heart failure suddenly appeared, and Drs. O'Reilly and Matthews, who were with him at the time, immediately applied the remedies which proved successful in all previous similar attacks, but this time without effect, and, despite all that could be done, the general gradually sank into a condition of complete unconsciousness and at 10:20 breathed his last. Mrs. Sheridan, his sisters Mahan and Justina, and the faithful body servant Keim, were also at his bedside throughout his dying hours. No arrangements have been determined upon in regard to the general's burial.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN.

The physicians who have been attending Gen. Sheridan issued the following bulletin about midnight:

"Gen. Sheridan died at 10:20 this evening. The immediate cause of death was heart failure. The complications which have occurred have been nervous exhaustion, pneumonia, pulmonary anemia and hemorrhage. The last day of his life was somewhat restless. At about 9:30 o'clock, when his condition rapidly appeared. The remedies which had hitherto been successful were vigorously applied, but proved unsuccessful, and he sank rapidly, dying painlessly at the hour named."

(Sgd.) ROBERT M. O'REILLY,
"Surgeon U.S.A., Washington."
MATTHEWS.

THE REMAINS.

The body will be embalmed and prepared for conveyance to Washington. Col. Kellogg, now in Washington, was telegraphed to start for the scene of the general's death, bringing the uniform worn by him in life. The funeral will be held in Washington, where it is expected the remains will be interred.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

General Sheridan was born in Somerset, Ohio, March 6, 1831. He graduated at West Point military school, and at an early age saw frontier duty in Texas and Oregon. He was put in command of the 11th division of the army in Ohio in 1862; commanded a division in the army of the Cumberland; and at the battle of Stone River, Dec. 31, 1862, saved the army from rout by his stubborn resistance. For his gallant conduct he was promoted to major general of volunteers. In April, 1864, he was called to the army of the Potomac by General Grant, put in command of the cavalry corps, and within the months of May, June and July was successfully engaged in eighteen distinct actions. On August 4, 1864, he was put in command of the army of the Shenandoah, and for his successes over General Early was made major-general of the U.S. army. He joined General Grant's army at City Point, whence he started, March 25, 1865, to strike the final blow for the overthrow of General Lee's army of northern Virginia. He fought the battle of Birdsville Court House, March 31, and that of Five Forks, which necessitated Lee's evacuation of Richmond and Petersburg, April 1, and as the army of Northern Virginia fled, he constantly attacked and harassed them and compelled their surrender April 9, 1865. He then occupied the command of various military divisions until 1869, when, by the promotion of Sherman, he became lieutenant general and assumed command of the western and south-western military divisions, with his headquarters at Chicago. On the retirement of General Sherman, February, 1884, General Sheridan succeeded to the command of the army, with headquarters at Washington.

CROSBY AND HUNTER.

They Will Visit Winnipeg on the 1st of October.

While in the east Rev. Mr. Rutledge saw Messrs. Crosby and Hunter, the well known evangelists, and they instructed him to advertise a visit from them to Winnipeg about October 1. They intend spending two or three days each at Ottawa, Belleville and St. Thomas, points already visited, and will make a stay of three weeks at Oakville. Afterwards they come to Winnipeg.

Last night two masked men entered the house of Capt. John Boynton, of Sandwich, Ont., who was alone, and struck him two frightful blows with a cudgel, one breaking his nose and the other fracturing his skull. They then rified the house and fled.

Brandon Weekly Mail.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 1888.

WHY AND WHEREFORE.

For the benefit of those who do not care to guess, clause by clause, such a lengthy document as that between the Local Government and the so-called Northern Pacific people, it may not be out of place to epitomise the substantial objections to the document from beginning to end:—

1. It makes a liar of the whole Grit party, from the major to the minor members of the fraternity. They used to say months ago, if the C. P. R. monopoly were only once removed, Manitoba would have all the roads it required without a dollar of obligation on the province. Is it not humiliating to see them hat in hand with the Northern Pacific after that? In the contract then, they prove either their former utterances to be false, or that they are now giving "the earth" to Northern Pacific friends unnecessarily. It is for the fraternity to say which view is the correct one—either one is sufficiently condemnatory.

2. The contracting parties, in the terms of the contract, are simply "T. F. Oakes, J. W. Kendrick, and James McNaught, residents of St. Paul, state of Minnesota, hereinafter called the contracting parties of the second part." They are not named as the Northern Pacific R. Co., or as acting for it, but simply as three individuals on their own personal responsibility, so that the Northern Pacific is in no way responsible for any obligations stipulated in the agreement. Then all the representations of the Grit party, as to the Northern Pacific entering Manitoba, are so much gratuitous wind, designed for election purposes—the Northern Pacific is not coming into the province, nor are they agreeing to operate the proposed roads after they are built by the new company to be incorporated. Our readers must remember these facts. This is the second compromise of the Grit faction as to the N. P. Railway.

3. The agreement provides the government shall have the naming of two of the five directors. This will enable them to fill the offices with Grit favorites, and it is about all it can do for the province. The government is to get \$720,000 of interest bearing bonds on the R. R. V. R., and they are going to give the company \$320,000 of interest bearing bonds in return, and expend \$40,000 on a bridge besides, or \$360,000 all told, so the province gets for its actual cash outlay on the R. R. V. R., interest on the difference between the two sums, \$360,000, or an income of \$18,000 a year. It is at a loss of \$18,000 a year for that venture, no matter what comes and goes, as the road cannot pay interest on the guarantee, if it cuts freights on the limited traffic that will pass over it; and, of course, if it does not cut, it is worse than useless.

It must, in this connection be borne in mind, the province is in any event, responsible for the interest on the \$720,000 so far expended on the R. R. V. R., and in return for this will depend upon the cash value or Northern Pacific credit, which may be worth comparatively nothing in a short time, through railway combinations.

As the province is to first build the road from Winnipeg to the Portage at a cost of \$400,000, and hand it over to the company a year after, the province will be out the interest on that sum, or \$20,000; the \$40,000 for the bridge at the Portage, as well as the one at Winnipeg, and interest on the cost of both for all time, or \$4,000 a year. Financially this is how it will leave the province. We will lose, as stated above \$18,000 a year for all time on the R. R. V. R.; \$40,000 on each of the bridges, or \$80,000, and interest on the same; interest for a year on \$400,000, the cost of the road to the Portage, and 5 per cent. on \$6,400 per mile for the line built between Winnipeg and the Portage, and Morris and Brandon, 185 miles, or \$57,000 a year. This totalled is an absolute loss in bridges of \$80,000; \$20,000 the first year on the Portage road, and a yearly loss thereafter of \$77,000 on interest.

Another bad feature of the project is, it will lead to interminable agitations in all corners of the province for extensions on the same basis of guarantee, until the province will be sunk head and ears in debt, for roads that may at any moment pass into the hands of the C. P. R. or any other line operating in its interest, and leaving the province without a single hope for redress. Let us now look at the other aspects of the outlook.

As the Northern Pacific, as a company, are in no way implicated in the contract, they are in no way responsible for the alleged guarantees in the contract. All the references to competition in rates, are only operative in so far as the provincial branches are concerned—they have no force outside of Manitoba, or on exports from the boundaries to the seaboard or on imports from shipment to the boundary. This, then, simply means a cutting within the province that will have to be made up by the provincial treasury when the receipts fall below the expenses of operation.

There is a reference forbidding pooling or selling to the C. P. R., but this is only within the province; there may be any amount of pooling from the boundary eastward, and it must be noted there is no penalty for infractions within the province, so the wording of the contract is so much gratuitous, fatherly ad-

vice, and nothing more. Every one knows that a law that does not provide a penalty for its infraction, is not worth the paper it is written on, and the same is true of this contract. As we said last week, though a sale to the C. P. R. is forbidden, there may be a sale to any one else, who may in turn transfer to the C. P. R., and there is nothing to prevent it.

We are advised, too, the roads are to be of the same standard as the C.P.R. branches, but as none of the latter are fully ballasted or provided with station buildings, the new lines, we take it, may be palmed off on the province in the same unfinished condition. There is at least, nothing in the contract to prevent it.

It is provided the railway Commissioner may take possession of the roads if the company, for a period of six months, at any time fail to operate them; but a stoppage of five months carries no penalty with it, and even such a delay when the crops ought to be moving might result in blockades which have been such bag bears to the Grit party in the past.

This, then, in the main is the kind of institution the Grit party is giving Manitoba instead of extensions of the Grand Trunk, or the Northern Pacific, which the Grit party when in opposition declared they would bring into Manitoba in a few weeks' time if they were only allowed a turn at the helm. If the question were asked us will not the road if built to Brandon and the Portage be a service to them and the country through which they pass, we would of course say yes; but Brandon and the Portage with Winnipeg thrown in do not constitute the whole of Manitoba, and the MAIL does not want to see the rest of the province taxed for 25 years for the benefit of two or three points. Neither does it want the Grit party to escape from responsibility for their pledges of ability to bring in main competing trunk lines with their own capital by palming off short detached local lines of which the province pays half the cost. The province pays part of the cost R. R. V. R. in any event; built two bridges over the Assiniboine and furnishes cash in its guarantee for \$6,400 a mile which is at least half the cost of the roads from beginning to end, and these without any assurance of competition or permanency of operation except through provincial resources. We want the public to fully understand this when weighing the services of the Grit faction in the light of their pre-election pledges. Let them one and all consider what the Grit party promised in pre-election harangues, and what now the country is getting in return. As we have said the roads, if built, will be a benefit to the places through which they pass, but these short branches will only pave the way for their extension from year to year through provincial resources until the credit of the province is used up. We ask our readers, finally, where is the assistance for the Hudson's Bay Railway which all admit is the proper outlet for the products of this country, coming from when a thousand miles of provincial roads shall have been built, involving the province in a debt of six and a half millions more, with annual interest all told of over half a million, for their construction? This is the question the people will have uppermost in their minds when in the next few months Greenway-Martinson shall have expended its vials of patriotism in building up our great Manitoban railway interests.

YOU HAD BETTER SPEAK NOW, JAMES ALLEN.

We would like some one to tell us—perhaps the Winnipeg Sun could if it would—why the railway deal could not have been completed in Winnipeg as well as in New York, where the Manitoban heroes went as plenipotentiaries extraordinary. In an introductory memorandum Messrs. Oakes, Kendrick and McNaught agree to go in with others to secure a charter in Manitoba to build branch roads in the province, but outside of the Northern Pacific Co. as such which is no party to the contract or any of its conditions. These gentlemen heretofore in the deal act as private individuals and not as officers of the N. P. so that the Northern Pacific is in no way responsible for any of the conditions upon which the local roads are to be built or operated. If this is not so we should be glad if some of the Grit teachers would point out our mistake. Will the Hon. James Smart, for the benefit of his constituents—to whom his pre-election pledges were the extension of the Northern Pacific to Brandon—say whether or not this is the fact? As the proposed roads are then provincial purely all the conditions imposed for their cheap operation means, so much drawn on the public purse. If this is not so—if it can be shown that any deficiency in cost of operation through competition is not to come out of the pockets of Manitobans, we want to know it. Before the elections we were told we were to have competitive roads at the cost of the Northern Pacific, and now the agreement made is to give them to us by the taxation of ourselves. Will Mr. Smart kindly say through his organ here, or through the MAIL if he prefers our columns, whether or not this is the case. If he thinks it is not, the electors will be pleased to hear his explanation to the reverse. Will Mr. Smart, too, kindly show where this taxation is going to end—how the people of the rest of the province not touched by these

proposed branches will be satisfied without their extension, and how the province will be able to pay the interest on guarantees on all the extensions required as soon as they are built? When this is done as a preliminary step towards setting the province on the way to prosperity, we are anxious to know where are to be found our resources for assisting the Hudson Bay Railway, without which the whole Grit party a few months ago, declared the province could never grow to its destined states. Will Mr. Smart kindly give the electors light on these matters before he becomes a party to tying a millstone around the necks of the people by voting for the ratification of the Greenway-Martinson deal? Come, Mr. Smart, now is the time for explanation before the bonds are sealed.

THE RAILWAY DEAL.

The agony is over. Once more our people breathe freely. Almost the sole topic of conversation during the past few days has been the "Northern Pacific deal," so called. We all recollect how Mr. Greenway boasted that he had two "cash" offers in his desk for the Red River Valley Railway? It would interest the people of the west very much if he now published these offers, so that the electors may properly measure the leap he is making. We are afraid this statement of Greenway was like a great many others he made, it was trotted out for election purposes. One can barely imagine the Premier stated the whole truth in this particular. Surely if he had there was no necessity for his humiliating himself, his party and the Province, as we contend he has done, by making the arrangement with the Northern Pacific people as published. All along the Grit press and Grit spouters have declared that the American railways were knocking at our boundary to get in. All that was required was to wipe out monopoly. What a travesty on common honesty is this agreement? Fancy the government of this rich and prosperous province having to humble itself to a Yankee railway corporation, and give them a bonus to come into Manitoba? Greenway was never so happy as when ridiculing the visit of Norquay to New York. How the tables have turned? Mr. Norquay, it is true, was not successful in his New York trip; Lave Greenway and Martin been any more so? Mr. Norquay went to New York to sell bonds. Monopoly existed then. Injunctions were granted by the courts preventing the building of the Red River Valley Railway, and other obstacles were encountered by him. How different with Greenway. He goes to New York after monopoly has been done away with. He has full power to build the Red River Valley Railway. He has a million of money (less election expenses) in the treasury. He has just been returned by a large majority to rule the province for four years. We had a grand crop last year. In short everything was in his favor. Yet humiliating as it is to record the fact Greenway has actually had to bonus a Yankee railway corporation to take over the Red River Valley Railway. It is this and nothing more. By the terms of the agreement the government are bound down to complete the work on the Red River Road in sixty days from the 27th day of July, 1888. After its completion the Railway Commissioner is to convey the same, including the rolling stock, to the Company for \$720,000 to be paid by the delivery of first mortgage bonds on said line, payable in 25 years with interest at five per cent. The road is also to be bonused to the extent of \$40,000 for a bridge across the Assiniboine at Winnipeg. But more than this, by clause ten the Commissioner agrees to guarantee interest at five per cent. for twenty-five years, to the extent of \$6,400 per mile, not to exceed in all \$320,000! Now any one knows that the Red River Valley Railway will want loan enough over and above its running expenses to pay the interest on \$720,000 at five per cent., so the Government are virtually making the company a present of this sum. Add to this the \$40,000 for the bridge and we have the actual cash bonus of \$760,000. The people of Manitoba will have to provide interest at five per cent. on this sum, which will equal yearly \$38,000. Then we have the guarantee on the \$720,000 at five per cent. making \$36,000 more, or a grand total of \$74,000 per annum. Just think of it readers! For the glorious privilege of having this 65 miles of railway operated by the Northern Pacific Railway we are to pay fifty-four thousand dollars a year! Could anything be more humiliating in view of all the blessings of the Grit party? Greenway shamefully refused to consider Van Horne's offer to lease the Emerson line at \$50,000 per annum, and yet he makes a contract with a Yankee corporation which entails a burden on the people of \$74,000 per annum! We will have more to say on this interesting subject in our next issue.

Greenway boasted at the meetings he held in the west during the elections, that he had two offers, liberal "cash" offers too, for the Red River Valley Railway. Why did not Mr. Greenway trot out his offers before he sold for N. P. bonds only? It is as we expected, the Northern Pacific has Mr. Greenway by the throat. The agreement made public last week shows conclusively that Greenway and Martin have capacity enough to dupe the electors of Manitoba, but they are not sharp enough for Oakes & Co. We are going to have competition by provincial payment and likewise taxation to balance. What a tumble some people will have to take over this railway business.

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EMERSON BRANCH.

DOMINION CITY, Aug. 2.—The season is late. The harvest commences about the fifteenth of August. The prospects are fully as good as last year for wheat and oats, and the acreage is considerably larger. Not much barley is sown.

EMERSON.

EMERSON, Aug. 2.—Harvesting operations will commence in this vicinity in a few days. Some farmers will begin cutting barley next week and wheat and oats the week following. It is estimated the yield will be:

Wheat, 35 to 40.
Oats, 60 to 65.
Barley, 50.

There has been no damage done to the crops whatever in this section. There is an increase of 15 to 20 per cent in the acreage sown this season as compared with last year. The crops are not quite so far advanced as they were a year ago, being nearly two weeks later.

OTTENBURGH.

OTTENBURGH, Aug. 2.—Harvest will not commence for two or three weeks yet. The probable yield is:

Wheat, 20.
Oats, 70.
Barley, 45.

There is ten per cent increase in the acreage. There has been no damage of any kind as yet, but the crops are two weeks later than last year.

Manitoba & Northwestern.

BIRCH.

BIRCH, Aug. 2.—Harvesting commences about the 20th of this month. No damage yet done to crops. From 25 to 50 per cent more acreage this year than last year, and heavier. Crops are about one week later than last year.

SOLSKELTH.

SOLSKELTH, Aug. 2.—From present indications harvesting operations will not commence much before the first of September, except barley, which will be ripe by the 20th inst. With favorable weather the estimated yield for this locality will be:

Wheat, 30.
Barley, 40.
Oats, 50.

The thunder storm of the 29th ult. has slightly damaged the grain wherever it is very heavy, causing it to lodge. The acreage is about 20 per cent more than last year. The crops are fully ten days later than this time last year, but with warm and favorable weather the prospects are A 1 for an abundant harvest—as good, if not better than last.

NEWDALE.

NEWDALE, Aug. 2.—The harvest will commence about September 1.

Wheat, 50.
Oats, 60.
Barley, 35.

Barley is damaged considerably by gophers. The acreage is about one third more than last season. The crops are about fifteen days later than last year. All depends on the weather for next three weeks.

HINCHINBATH.

HINCHINBATH, Aug. 2.—Harvesting is expected to commence the last week in August. Probable yield:

Wheat, 30.
Oats, 45.
Barley, 30.

No damage so far to crops. The acreage is from one quarter to one third greater than last year. Grain is one week behind last year, but everything is looking well, and if cleared of frost will be an excellent harvest.

GLAINSTONE.

GLAINSTONE, Aug. 2.—The crops are all good here and fully better than last year. Harvesting will not commence for some time yet, about ten days later than last year. No damage so far, and the frost keeps away the average yield will be fully 35 to 40 bushels per acre. Wheat, oats and barley about the same as last year. Prospects were never better for farming.

LANGENBURG.

LANGENBURG, Aug. 2.—Harvesting will commence in about three weeks. Probable yield:

Wheat, 35.
Oats, 40.
Barley, 35.

Slight damage by hail last Sunday night. The acreage this year is 75 per cent more than last. The crops are at least a week or ten days later than last year.

SHOAL LAKE.

SHOAL LAKE, Aug. 2.—Harvesting barley in this vicinity will commence in about ten days. The yield is fully expected to be up to that of last year, the weather being favorable for the next few weeks. The acreage is one third in excess of previous years. No damage from any cause so far. The crops are slightly later than last year.

NEPEAWA.

NEPEAWA, Aug. 2.—Harvest operations will probably commence in ten days time, if the weather clears, but the late frequent rains tend to keep the crops from ripening. The probable yield:

Wheat, 25 to 35.
Oats, 38 to 45.

No damage to crops in this district. All are looking well. The acreage is about one third more than last year. The crops are not quite so far advanced.

OAK LAKE.

OAK LAKE, Aug. 2.—Harvesting will commence about the 20th. The probable yield:

Wheat, 38.
Oats, 65.
Barley, 50.

No damage done from any cause. The crops look first-class. The acreage is about the same as last year; perhaps a little more wheat and oats.

RUSSELL.

RUSSELL, Aug. 2.—The barley harvesting will commence early next week. It is

difficult to state now what the yield of wheat, oats and barley might be, but is fully expected to be greater than anything ever in the past. No damage to crops so far. The acreage under crop this year is at least fifty per cent more than last. The crop is not quite so far advanced as at this time last year.

Pembina Mountain Branch.

GRITNA.

GRITNA, Aug. 2.—Harvesting will commence about the August 20. The probable yield will be as follows:

Wheat, 25 to 30.
Oats, 50.
Barley, 35.

No damage whatever to the crops. About ten per cent increase in acreage over last year. The crops are about fifteen days later than last year. The crops never looked better, and the prospects are exceptionally good.

CLEARWATER.

CLEARWATER, Aug. 2.—If the present showery weather continues harvesting will not be general before three weeks. The yield will be:

Wheat, 30 bushels.
Oats, 50 bushels.
Barley, 40 bushels.

No damage. The acreage under crop exceeds that of last year by about 25 per cent. The crops are much heavier than at this time last year, but are not as far advanced toward maturity.

MORDEN.

MORDEN, Aug. 2.—Harvesting will commence about August 15. Probable average yield:

Wheat, 25 to 30.
Barley, 35.
Oats, 50.

No damage done. About 15 per cent increase in acreage over last year. Harvesting will be about two weeks later than last year. The crops are in excellent condition and promise a big yield.

MANITOUL.

MANITOUL, Aug. 2.—Harvesting will commence about August 15 if the weather continues favorable. The expected yield will average greater than last year. No damage from any cause as yet. The acreage has increased about ten per cent above last year. The crops are about ten days later than last year.

DELOIRNE.

DELOIRNE, Aug. 2.—Wheat and barley harvesting will commence about 10th August. Probable yield:

Wheat, 25 to 30.
Oats, 50.
Barley, 40.

The acreage increase is about 15 per cent more than last year and the crops will be about two weeks later. About 3,000 acres were more or less damaged by hail on the evening of 24th ult.

C. P. M. Main Line.

MOOSOMIN.

MOOSOMIN, Aug. 2.—The barley harvest will begin about the eighth and the wheat harvest about the fifteenth. The yield of wheat is excellent. The acreage will be:

Wheat, 30.
Barley, 40.
Oats, 40.

No damage from storm. The wheat acreage is about the same as last year. Barley, fifty per cent increase. The general outlook is extra good.

INDIAN HEAD.

INDIAN HEAD, N.W.T., Aug. 2.—Barley harvesting will commence this week. Wheat and oats will be ten days later than last year, and should commence within three weeks. Probable average yield:

Wheat, 30.
Barley, 40.
Oats, 40.

The acreage is about the same as last year, excepting oats, which is twenty-five per cent larger. No damage from any source due to growing crops. The general outlook is most hopeful at present.

CHATEAU.

CHATEAU, Man., Aug. 2.—Harvesting should be general in about three or four weeks. Wheat, oats and barley will be fully up to last year's yield. No damage to crops, as far as I can learn, in this vicinity. The acreage is at least fifteen per cent larger than last year. The crops are about ten days later than last year.

CARRBERRY.

CARRBERRY, Aug. 2.—The crops are not far enough advanced yet to say when harvest will begin or what will be the yield. No damage from any cause. The acreage is about ten per cent less than last year. Fully two weeks later than last year.

VIRIDEN.

VIRIDEN, Aug. 2.—Harvesting will be general in about three weeks. Oats and barley were cut yesterday.

Wheat, 30.
Barley, 45.
Oats, 65.

No damage from any cause whatever. Nearly one third more crop was sown this year. Harvesting is ten days later than last season.

GRISWOLD.

GRISWOLD, Aug. 2.—Harvesting of wheat will commence about August 20th. Oats and barley sooner. So far no damage has been done to the crops in this district. The acreage is larger than last year, and the yield will be about the same per acre. The crops are about one week later than last year.

BRANDON.

BRANDON, Aug. 2.—With favorable weather the harvest will begin on August 15. Probable yield:

Wheat, 30 to 35.
Oats, 60 to 75.

There is an increased acreage. The crops are not as far advanced as last year within seven to ten days. The farmers are well satisfied.

REGINA.

REGINA, Aug. 2.—Harvesting of barley has already begun and will be general next week. Wheat and oats will commence, according to present outlook, about August 16 in some places, and will be general about the 20th. It is thought the yield will be:

Wheat, 30.
Oats, 50.
Barley, 40.

No damage to crops. The crops are ahead of last year at this time.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Aug. 2.—Harvesting will not commence here until the 20th inst. unless possibly a few pieces of barley. It is impossible to estimate the probable yield, as it entirely depends upon the frost

keeping off. With no frost the yield will be fully up to that of last year. Otherwise, of course, there will be a shrinkage. No material damage has been done to the crop so far either from storms or other causes. The acreage as compared with last year will be increased 25 or 30 per cent. The crops are fully two weeks behind last season, if not more.

HIGH BLUFF.

HIGH BLUFF, Aug. 2.—With fine weather harvesting should commence in three weeks at the latest. The yield should, according to present indications, be considerably larger than last year. No damage to the crops thus far. The acreage is about 20 per cent over last year. The harvest will be fully two weeks later than last season.

Southwestern Branch.

BARNESLEY.

BARNESLEY, Aug. 2.—Harvesting will commence in about five weeks. Average yield:

Wheat, 30.
Oats, 60.
Barley, 40.

No damage done. The acreage is about one-fifth more than last year. The crops are not so far advanced as last year.

GLENBORO.

GLENBORO, Aug. 2.—Harvesting will commence in two weeks, and become general in three. Probable yield:

Wheat, 40.
Barley, 40.
Oats, 65 to 75.

No damage done so far. The acreage is about 10 per cent more than last year. The crops are about a week later than last season.

Stonewall Branch.

STONEWALL.

STONEWALL, Aug. 2.—Harvesting will begin the last of the month. Probable yield:

Wheat, 25.
Oats, 45.
Barley, 35.

This is the lowest estimate. No damage done of any kind. The crops look magnificent. The acreage is at least a quarter more than last year. The crops are ten or fifteen days later than last year owing to the dry weather in the spring.

OUR ENGLISH LETTER.

Horrible Spectacle at a Hanging Novel Accident—Royal Yachts.

LONDON, July 29.—Luncheon has fastened on Spaulding, and many times this season, and almost literally dragged him out of his chair. The cold winter weather must be held responsible for this visitation, but happily the business of the House of Commons being now nearly all in committee, the Speaker is able to rest without inconvenience to any one, unless it be to his deputy, Mr. Courtney.

There was a horrible spectacle at the execution of Robert Upton, which took place in Oxford jail. Berry was the executioner, and he is said to have used a five foot drop; but Upton, who had a slender neck, and was six feet in height, disappeared below the trap on the bolt being drawn, the effect of the fall being to almost sever the head from the trunk, which caused the utmost horror among the spectators of the tragedy.

The cyclists that their newspapers with a shudder when they read of the accident, sent to bicycles and tricycles being brought under the Highway Act as carriages. This opens a visitor of dreadful collateral possibilities. More than one Chancellor of the Exchequer has been sorely tempted to tax the cyclist, but has failed from the temptation on political grounds. The local authorities may have no such scruples. True, for the moment the decision of parliament is confined to regulations for the use of these vehicles, so that they shall be uniform throughout the kingdom; nevertheless the step is regarded by the cyclists in the house as one fraught with grave evils.

The secret melange experiments against the hull of the obsolete iron clad Kistina, at Spithead, came off in the presence of a number of gunnery experts and several officers of the Home Office. The shells filled with the new explosive were fired from the gunboat Kite by electricity, and tremendous havoc was wrought. The interior of the old ironclad suffered most severely, and dromedary men were blown about in all directions. The shells were filled satisfactorily, and the fact that they would burst the gun proved without foundation. The resistance was apparently toward the harbor. The results of the experiments are to be considered strictly confidential.

An accident of a very unusual character happened to the mail cart running between Dover and Deal on Sunday night. It was a very dark night, and shortly after leaving Ringwood, a village midway between the two towns, the horse shied, turning the cart, nails and driver completely over into a deep pond. The driver's cries were heard by some villagers and he was dragged out. Some time elapsed before the horse could be recovered. When they were found the contents were completely soaked.

The Royal yachts, Victoria and Albert and Alberta, have completed their visit at Portsmouth, and the former is to bring the Empress Victoria and her daughters from Flushing, when they come to England in September. The Osborne, which has undergone a thorough overhaul and refit, besides having the electric light introduced on board, will be joined shortly by the Prince and Princess of Wales, and she will carry them to Ostend, on their way to Germany, early in August.

The Bishop of Oxford, I hear, tendered his resignation some time before it was made public. Although the particulars have not yet been completed, Lord Salisbury has privately informed one or two inquiring petitioners for preferment that he has already made up his mind, and only awaits the Queen's sanction.

Cardinal Manning, on his 80th birthday, on dropping St. Swinburn, looked and felt as strong as he did ten years ago. He preached at Brook Green on behalf of the "House of Rest," and, besides the usual Sunday routine, saw a number of friends; shaves of telegrams of congratulation and good wishes arrived during the day.

NAVAL MANOEUVRES.

England Declares a Mimic War Upon Herself—Ireland Assumed to be a Nation.

The Hostile Fleet Blockades Her North and South—in the Toils.

LONDON, July 28.—While the Kaiser and the Czar have been rehearsing peace during the week, England has been rehearsing war. She declared hostilities against herself, as it were, at noon on Tuesday, when the naval manoeuvres began in dead earnest, off Bantary bay, on the south Irish coast, and in Lough Swilly, the magnificent inlet on the north coast leading to Londonderry, and also in and around the Scotch and Irish dividing seas, at St. George's channel. The object was to attain a fair approximation to the condition of actual warfare. In this mimic war England admits for her own purposes that Ireland is a nation, a hostile one, which she calls for the purposes of this war Achill, and which, with her armament and fleet, is blockaded within Bantary bay, on the south coast, and within the outer port of Londonderry on the north coast; the English fleet, par se, guarding ingress and egress at each place and seeking an opportunity for offensive operations.

THE OPPOSING SQUADRONS.

At the Admiralty the offensive squadron was named "A," and the defensive or enemy was called "B." These opposing forces were sub-divided into divisions, "A 1," "A 2," "A 3," and "B 1," "B 2," "B 3." "A 1" division of the English assault, with Milford Haven as a base, was under Rear-Admiral Baird, who was told off to operate against the first "B" division of the Irish defenders in Bantary Bay, under Rear-Admiral Tryon, and the second "A" under Rear-Admiral Rawley, with a base at Arran Island, was pitted against Admiral Fitzroy, of "B 2," near by Londonderry.

THE MANOEUVRES IN THE NORTH.

For brevity's sake, I select an illustration of the manoeuvres in those only affecting the north coast squadrons, "A 2" and "B 2." It is to be presumed that on July 19 the Irish fleet "B 2" was driven into Lough Swilly, off the anchorage near the town of Buncrana, by the superior English fleet "A 2." Consequently, since Tuesday the blockaded Irish fleet has been endeavoring to get into Lough Swilly, to make supplies, and to get to the coast at night, or a cruiser out like another Ashmole, to prey on British commerce in the channel. Meanwhile the English have been reconnoitering, enticing, laying traps, and watching the Irish torpedo boats, or setting inside, or capturing supply ships, and were in readiness to chase and capture any escaped cruiser.

THE PROCLAMATION OF WAR.

Reference to the operations since the mimic war began will serve to illustrate the situation, which is expected to continue to August 20. While all the officers and men concerned on each side appreciate that what has been done is only a game, nevertheless each side does its best, just as if the warfare was not a mimic contest. Soon after the outbreak of war, which took effect on Tuesday at noon, the navy ordered to the Irish fleet that the British enemy was in sight off Malinbeg. The news was confirmed from the signal station at the entrance to the harbor.

WATCHING THE ENEMY.

Manoeuvring at once commenced, and steam was got up on the Calypso and Curlew, which went outside to watch the movements of the British enemy, and ascertain the strength and disposition of the force. The Hearty and Amphion then proceeded out of the harbor with the Calypso and Curlew to assist in ascertaining the movements of the enemy. Then the whole Irish fleet weighed anchor in single column. The line ahead formed and moved slowly away from the anchorage. The devastation was accompanied by her torpedo boats, which formed on her starboard beam. On reaching Dunree head, the masts and funnels of nine of the enemy's vessels were seen, including the Indefatigable, Agincourt and Mercury, four torpedo boats. The British squadron had not been idle, advancing in two divisions, with the Indefatigable and Mermaid as scouts.

OPENING FIRE.

The flagship Agincourt opened fire, and the Neptune and Thetis were then detached to try and intercept the Hearty and Amphion, when they immediately steamed for the harbor, Admiral Fitzroy of the Irish fleet, having induced the British to commence a useless cannonade. While making good his retreat, he opened fire on the Neptune and the after barbettes guns of the Rodney, his flagship. The Neptune and Thetis, which had been pounding away at the Amphion and Hearty, seeing that the Irish squadron meant business, ceased firing and rejoined the English. The Irish squadron anchored at 9 p.m. inside Dunree head, while the Amphion, Calypso, Hearty and Curlew remained outside at the entrance, and at gun-fire the torpedo flotilla, with the Spider, proceeded outside to annoy the English.

ESCAPE OF A FAST CRUISER.

During the night the Irish fast cruiser Iris successfully escaped the blockade, and is metaphorically believed to be scouring the channel and capturing British vessels in the carrying trade. Thus the "war" began, and the same kind of tactics were outlined for the next two days, without any result except to show the difficulty the Irish squadron had to escape, yet giving an opportunity for practising every kind of manoeuvring necessary for war uses.

TORPEDO PRACTICE.

On Friday on board the Rodney was some torpedo practice. A naval correspondent on board describes this incident: "One torpedo that ran kept very straight for about 300 yards, and was then deflected by the current ebb, eddying by the shore. There was the usual difficulty about getting these expensive toys into their tubes. They fit so accurately that it is next to impossible to get them in, and they must be held absolutely upright. Then, if a drop of water gets into the tube, the torpedo is sure to jam. This one of ours did to day, and as

the men tried to force it into its place the tail was wrenched off, and now the torpedo is without its tail, and about as mobile as a fish under the same circumstances. It is a matter of no surprise that many naval officers detect and distrust these weapons, and believe that after all the money that has been expended upon them, their use will be so very uncertain in action that it may be delusive and dangerous. The trips and practices so far have done much to bar our Lord Charles Bessford's animadversions. The torpedo boats were found to roll horribly in an ordinary sea, one rolled twenty degrees on either side. Much machinery was found defective, the powder used has been severely criticized, and the torpedo catcher and fly has been so damaged by straining that it needs repairs all over. The cruise so far has shown the relative value of big ships and a mosquito fleet, with the advantage with the former.

THE ELABORATE TORPEDO CONDEMNED. Writes one authority to-day: "The manoeuvres only prove that what is wanted for war is a vessel capable of standing rough usage at sea, and not an elaborate toy in which mathematical draughtsmen and engineers laboriously tried to combine incompatible qualities."

AN ENEMY'S SHIP CAPTURED.

Up to last night Achill, while unable to break the northern or southern blockades, so far successfully resisted all traps and runs to land, and events are becoming monotonous. Reference, however, may be made to an incident of last evening at the southern coast blockade. It seems the steamer Vulture, with coal for the blockaded squadron, had for temporary shelter put into Cook Haven, where there was a seeming protecting force. Just as she was getting away, two coast guardmen were alongside stating they had a telegram for the captain, who became suspicious and ordered his men to pull up the ladder. Thereupon one coastguardman drew his revolver and threatened to shoot the first man who touched it. They were then allowed to come on board. No sooner had they got on deck than the captain ordered the steamer to go ahead, intending to carry it would be captured with him to sea. The officer commanding ashore was, however, prepared, and had men and guns posted in a position that commanded the vessel. He at once opened a heavy fire, and at the same time additional men put off to board the Vulture. The captain, seeing he had no chance to escape, surrendered, and the Vulture was taken back to port as a prize. She was allowed to proceed later on preliminary instructions received. To-day being Sunday is a day of rest; but it would be otherwise were not so expensively shamming.

He Was Ahead.

Gen. George A. Sheridan, who has made a name for himself in defense of Christianity against the assaults of "The Modern Era," is an effective, witty and eloquent political speaker. On one occasion he was sent by a committee to deliver an address in a small town in Indiana on the banks of the Wabash. Sheridan was rather surprised at the elaborate reception he met when he alighted from the train. A great procession, composed of the town militia company, various civil societies, the mayor, aldermen, etc., took him in charge and conveyed him to the public square, where an audience of 7,000 or 8,000 were waiting. Sheridan's bewilderment changed to feelings of another nature when the mayor arose and addressed the assembly, saying: "Fellow citizens, I introduce to you Gen. George A. Sheridan, and he will speak. He is not the Sheridan we expected to hear. We looked for Little Phil, the hero of Winchester. The committee has played a trick on us. This Sheridan is said to be a good speaker, and we will try and forget our surprise and disappointment and listen to him."

The mayor sat down and Sheridan rose to reply. "Mayor," he said, in his rich but stentorian voice, "when I was informed that an appointment had been made for me to address the people of this city I accepted it with pleasure. I pictured to myself a teeming city, its buildings a triumph of architectural art, its streets busy boulevards thronged with well-dressed ladies and gentlemen. I saw in fancy its libraries, seats of learning, its galleries of sculpture and paintings, its wealth of its many industries and its commercial greatness, and with all the richest treasures of its mayor and representative citizens, and my thoughts were pleasant ones. What, then, is my surprise and disappointment to find my city a collection of wooden shanties on the swampy bank of a dirty river, your houses of trade to consist of a few drug stores selling quinine to your weary leather-shoed citizens, a few run-down groceries and two or three country stores, your industries a blacksmith's and an undertaker's shop; your art galleries pictures out from the last year's Police Gazette, and your mayor and representative citizens quite fit to wallow in the mire of their surroundings. I will try and overcome my disappointment regarding your city and the disgust with the committee who sent me to speak to a population who seem lumpy and contented with their lot, and I will now proceed to address you."—New York Tribune.

The appearance of two letters from Mr. Parnell at the same time, and upon the same subject, was due to that gentleman's peculiarities as a letter writer. Mr. Parnell writes his letters in a mental agony. He draughts them almost as fast as Sheridan writes his eulogies. It generally occupies him an entire parliamentary evening before the epistle is regarded by its author as fit for publication. It is then given out with a faltering hand, as if its author would prefer to recall it. This is no exaggeration, as Mr. Parnell himself would be only too ready to admit. The hesitancy is due really to a finish in treatment of expression. It was said of one of the light of the early Victorian era that "if he published all he spoke and burst all he wrote, the world would have reason to remember him with gratitude." I dare say Mr. Parnell will sympathize with this epigram, for he certainly distrusts his pen. As for the two letters published so curiously, almost side by side, it is generally admitted that the uncorrected one is the nearest of the two. Mr. Bright once said of a "Jingo Radical," "He makes a good speech—provided you don't listen to it." Mr. Parnell probably thinks his letters might be improved if their author did not sign them.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

With the aid of Mr. Jukes, of our city, the Winnipeg cricketers got away with the Americans. Pity the selfish Winnipeggers had not imported a few more Brandonites, and the Provincial (?) team might have been successful also.

A. M. Peterson told the electors of North Brandon they might expect the Northern Pacific in here by the first of November of this year. By the agreement lately published, the Northern Pacific is not to reach Brandon at all, and only a local company by November, 1897? Who is the champion provocateur any way?

Mr. Burke has held the office of the C. P. R. telegraph operator here for several years past, with, we believe, the best of satisfaction to the public. He is a Conservative and for this reason is obnoxious to Mr. Smart and associates. Mr. Jennings, the local manager of the C. P. R. telegraph is a Grit and so is Mr. Smart of course. It is thicker than water. It is alleged that at a political meeting some weeks ago Mr. Burke called for cheers for the Conservative candidate, though we believe no one but Mr. Smart can be found to say he did, and Mr. Smart advised Mr. Jennings to the effect, and urged Burke's dismissal in consequence. Mr. Jennings in turn advised Burke's resignation in consequence, Burke refused to comply, and the office has been occupied practically under protest. We believe that if a change was made in the usual way no better agent can be got than Mr. Peterson, the new appointee, but this does not modify Mr. Smart's reprehensible officiousness. The question now is Mr. Smart, because elected by an insignificant majority taking all the circumstances into account, to be allowed to run the whole city. He was elected by Conservative votes, and this is one of the ways he takes to thank those Conservatives for their franchise. Is it not after a fashion of which they have every reason to be proud with disfranchising Conservative officials and turning others out of office altogether, Mr. Smart has already made a record for moderation that his political friends, to say nothing of his Conservative supporters, should one and all admire. "Grit" is the Grit motto, and greatly to be praised.

The Winnipeg Sun asks the question "Did the Government make the best possible bargain they could with the Northern Pacific?" A more pertinent query would be, did they make a bargain with the Northern Pacific at all? If they did the people would like to see it. As yet all that has been published is the skeleton of a contract in which three men of the Northern Pacific as individuals, not as Northern Pacific officials, propose to do so, and so.

Get a genuine Grit into a hole, and he will squirm worse than a woodchuck. The Winnipeg Sun is trying to prove the Local Government ought to accept the new railway contract, as the contractors did not ask as much per mile as was given the C. P. R. by the Dominion. The Sun forgets that when the C. P. R. contra was let the whole of its Grit friends from Mr. Blake down, used to say the road, if built, would not earn enough to buy grease for the wheels of the rolling stock, and now it is known Manitoba offers a good local trade. Besides parts of the C. P. R. passed through a country that can never in reality pay for the cost of operation. Besides this again the Sun and its friends a few months ago used to say if monopoly were only removed, we could have the Grand Trunk and the Northern Pacific without a cent of cost to the people. The question is not whether the proposed terms are too high or too low, but why do not the Grit party make good their pre-election pledges, and secure the roads named without any cost to the province?

Two things were to be specially provided for, said Greenway. First, the Government were to control the rates, and secondly, the Government would provide due and safe guards against pooling. We have read the proposed contract, and we confess that we fail to see wherein the people are protected. It is true these things are guarded against in the agreement, but will the agreement in this respect hold water? Clause fifteen pretends to prohibit selling of stock to the C. P. R. or others in their interest and seeks to avoid pooling. All that this clause provides for, is that the company "may" not do these things. Now, what safeguard surrounds this? It is not said that the selling or transferring of stock to the corporations mentioned shall be illegal, or is forbidden under certain penalties, nor is pooling made illegal. The company simply agree that they will not do so and so, and no more. Neither is the company prohibited from selling to others than the C. P. R., who may in turn sell to the C. P. R. There is nothing in the contract to prevent this. One is much struck with the difference in the language of this clause and that of 18. By clause 18, if the company fail to complete any of the lines for a period of one year after time mentioned, or to operate the same for a period of six months at any time, the Railway Commissioner may take possession. Now, why was not clause 15 surrounded with these safeguards? If it is right to provide that the failure to complete and operate the road allows the Commissioner to take possession, surely so grave an offence as pooling and selling out to the C. P. R. should be visited with the same penalty.

PROVINCIAL.

Mr. Stephens, Virden, commenced cutting wheat last week. J. F. Frame, of Virden, has returned from the east a married man. He is now in a better frame of mind, as it were.

Judge Walker held county court at Virden Tuesday last.

The Canadian Gazette, of London, says that a British firm has completed a large contract for four or five thousand head of Alberta ranch cattle, delivery at the rate of 1000 per week to begin the second week in August. North West ranch stock was favorably received last year and good prices are expected. Cattle men in London say that general Dominion cattle reaching these markets this year is excellent, indicating much progress in quality during the last four years.

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